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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

CALLED ALSO THE

Order of Penance.

> "What every one is in the eyes of God that he is, and no more."
> B. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

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"Let us begin to serve the Lord our God; for hitherto
we have made very little progress."

Words of St. Francis in his last sickne

THE FORM OF CEREMONIES

FOR

CLOTHING, PROFESSION, RENEWAL OF VOWS, GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, AND OTHER OFFICES

BELONGING TO

THE THIRD ORDER,

TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN SPECIAL FRANCISCAN LITANIES AND PRAYERS.

"Corporeis audivit auribus ter dicentem: Francisce, vade, et repara domum meam, quæ, ut cernis, tota destruitur."

"He heard these words thrice: Francis, go and repair My House, which thou seest in ruins."

ST. BONAVENTURA, *Legend of St. Francis*, c. xi.

CEREMONIES AND PRAYERS OF THE THIRD ORDER.

INTRODUCTION OF POSTULANTS TO THE CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLIES.

The postulant, having been received by the Council according to the second chapter of the Statutes, will be admitted to the congregational assemblies. After the prayers, which are recited at the commencement of the assemblies, the master or mistress of novices conducts the postulant near to the altar, where the latter kneels, and the master or mistress of novices returns to his or her place. The Father Director intones the Psalm *Miserere*, which the Brothers or Sisters follow in choir, and continue as follows:

Psalm l.

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.	Have mercy upon me, O God: according to Thy great mercy.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.	And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies: blot out my iniquity.
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo *munda me.*	Wash me yet more from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.

Quoniam, iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.	For I acknowledge my iniquity: and my sin is always before me.
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.	Against Thee only have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.	For behold, I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.	For behold, Thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest unto me.
Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.	Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.
Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiam: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.	Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: and the bones that were humbled shall rejoice.
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.	Turn away Thy face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities.
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.	Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Ne projicias me a facie tua : et Spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.	Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Redde mihi lætitiam salutaris tui : et spiritu principali confirma me.	Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation : and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.
Docebo iniquos vias tuas : et impii ad te convertentur.	I will teach the unjust Thy ways : and the wicked shall be converted unto Thee.
Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ : et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.	Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation : and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.
Domine, labia mea aperies : et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.	Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.
Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique : holocaustis non delectaberis.	For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would surely have given it : with burnt-offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.
Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus : cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies.	The sacrifice of God is an afflicted spirit : a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion : ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem.	Deal favourably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion : that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, oblationes, et holocausta : tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.	Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings : then shall they lay calves upon Thine altars.
Gloria, &c.	Glory, &c.

The Father Director :

Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

The Choir :

Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.	Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Father Director :

Pater noster, &c. (*dicitur totum secreto*).	Our Father, &c. (*all in secret*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R*. But deliver us from evil.
V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.	V. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.
R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.	*R*. And grant us Thy salvation.
V. Salvum (salvos, salvam, salvas) fac servum tuum (servos tuos, ancillam tuam, ancillas tuas).	V. Save Thy servant (or servants).
R. Deus meus, sperantem (sperantes) in te.	*R*. Who hopeth in Thee, O my God.
V. Esto ei (eis), Domine, turris fortitudinis.	V. Be to him (or her), O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. A facie inimici.	*R.* From the face of the enemy.
V. Mitte ei (eis), Domine, auxilium de sancto.	V. Send him (or her) help, O Lord, from the sanctuary.
R. Et de Sion tuere eum (eos, eas, eam).	*R.* And defend him (or her) out of Sion.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	V. Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	V. The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.

The Father Director:

Oremus, dilectissimi Fratres, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum pro hoc famulo suo (his famulis suis, hac famula sua, his famulabus suis) qui (quæ) ad deponendam vanitatem sæculi pro ejus amore festinat (festinant) ut donet ei (eis) Spiritum sanctum, qui in observantia mandatorum Dei et capitulorum nostrorum ei (eis) continuo desiderium accendat, et a mundi impedimentis vel vano desiderio cor ejus (eorum, earum) custodiat: ut sicut mutatus *est (mutati sunt,*	Let us, beloved brethren, pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for this His (or these) servant (or servants), who for the love of Him hastens (or hasten) to lay aside the vanity of the world, that He would give him (or her, or them) His Holy Spirit, so that an earnest desire may be continually enkindled in his (or her, or their) heart to keep the commandments of God and of our holy Statutes, and to guard his (or her, or their) mind from all over-anxiety about worldly cares and from

mutata est, mutatæ sunt) in introitu Fraternitatis hujus, ita manus dexteræ suæ in eo (ea, eis) virtutem boni operis perfectione confirmet, et ab omni cæcitate cor ejus (eorum, earum) aperiat, ac lumen æternitatis suæ gratiæ dona concedat. Qui vivit et regnat, &c.

vain desires; so that a great change being wrought in him (or her, or them) by entering this our Congregation, our Lord may strengthen him (or her, or them) with His right hand, to the perfecting of all good works, so that his (or her, or their) understanding being enlightened, he (or she, or they) may obtain the gift of His grace and everlasting life.

The Father Director asks the postulant the following questions; and when there are several postulants, one of them, previously appointed by the master or mistress of the novices, answers in the name of the others:

D. What do you ask, my Brother (or my Sister)?

R. My reverend Father, I pray you, for the love of God, to receive me into the holy Brotherhood (or Sisterhood) of the Third Order of Penance of the seraphic Father St. Francis, that I may more easily work out my salvation.

D. Do you promise to keep the holy Rule of the Statutes of the Third Order?

R. I promise it, with the help of God.

All the Brothers or Sisters answer:

So be it.

The Father Director, turning towards the altar, says:

V. Dominus custodiat introitum tuum, et exitum tuum.

V. May the Lord preserve thy coming in and thy going out.

R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

R. From this time forth for evermore.

The Father Director:

Oremus, Fratres carissimi, ut quod Frater iste (Fratres isti, Soror ista, Sorores istæ) ore quæsivit (quæsierunt) opere feliciter acquirat (acquirant), auxiliante Domino nostro Jesu Christo, qui cum Patre et Spiritu sancto vivit, &c.

Let us, beloved brethren, pray that what this our Brother (or Sister) has asked for by word he (or she) may indeed graciously obtain; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth, &c.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Prætende, Domine, fidelibus tuis dexteram cœlestis auxilii; ut te toto corde perquirant, et quæ digne postulant, consequi mereantur.

O Lord, stretch forth the right hand of Thy mercy on these Thy faithful servants, that they may seek Thee with their whole hearts, and may deserve to obtain what they worthily ask for.

Da famulis tuis, Domine, indulgentiam peccatorum, consolationem vitæ, gubernationem perpetuam, ut tibi servientes, ad tuam jugiter misericordiam pervenire mereantur.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy servants pardon of their sins, consolation in life, and perpetual guidance, that, serving Thee faithfully, they may ever obtain Thy mercy.

Defende, quæsumus, Domine, beata Maria semper Virgine intercedente, istam ab omni adversitate

Defend, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, this Thy fa-

familiam; et toto corde tibi prostratam, ab hostium propitius tuere clementer insidiis.

Ecclesiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, gratia cœlestis amplificet; quam beati Patris nostri Francisci Confessoris tui illuminare voluisti gloriosis meritis, et exemplis. Per Christum, &c.

mily from all adversity, and mercifully protect these Thy servants, prostrate before Thee with their whole hearts, from all the snares of their enemies.

May Thy heavenly grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord, enlarge Thy Church, which Thou hast been pleased to illumine by the glorious merits and example of our blessed Father Francis, Thy Confessor. Through Christ, &c.

The master or mistress of novices here conducts the postulant back to his or her place, and the assembly continues.

RECEPTION OF NOVICES.

CEREMONY OF CLOTHING.

On the day fixed, the Director, in surplice and stole, being seated in a chair placed on the steps of the altar, on the Gospel side, the two masters (or mistresses) of the novices conduct the person about to be clad to the kneeling-desk, covered with a cloth prepared by the Sacristan, before the middle of the altar, where being on his (or her) knees, the two masters (or mistresses) on either side, the Director says:

What do you ask, my Brother (or Sister)?

The person to be received answers, with great modesty, and in a distinct voice:

My reverend Father, I pray you, for the love of God, to give me the holy habit of penance of the Third Order of the seraphic Father St. Francis, that I may serve God better by a perfect observance of his commandments, and of the rule of the said Order.

The Director now pronounces an exhortation suitable to the occasion, and afterwards intones the Veni Creator, *which the assistants continue.*

Veni Creator Spiritus,	Come, O Creator Spirit blest!
Mentes tuorum visita,	And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Imple superna gratia,	Come, with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
Quæ tu creasti pectora.	To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,	Great Paraclete! to Thee we cry; [high!
Altissimi donum Dei,	O highest gift of God most
Fons vivus, ignis, charitas,	O fount of life! O fire of love! [above!
Et spiritalis unctio.	And sweet anointing from
Tu septiformis munere,	Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts art known; [we own;
Digitus Paternæ dexteræ,	The finger of God's hand
Tu rite promissum Patris,	The promise of the Father Thou! [pow'r endow.
Sermone ditans guttura.	Who dost the tongue with
Accende lumen sensibus,	Kindle our senses from above,
Infunde amorem cordibus,	And make our hearts o'er- flow with love;
Infirma nostri corporis	With patience firm and virtue high, [supply.
Virtute firmans perpeti.	The weakness of our flesh
Hostem repellas longius,	Far from us drive the foe we dread,
Pacemque dones protinus;	And grant us Thy true peace instead;
Ductore sic te prævio	So shall we not, with Thee for guide, [aside.
Vitemus omne noxium.	Turn from the path of life
Per te sciamus da Pa- trem,	O, may Thy grace on us bestow, [to know,
Noscamus atque Filium,	The Father and the Son

Teque utriusque Spiritum Credamus omni tempore.	And Thee through endless times confessed [blest. Of both th' eternal Spirit
Deo Patri sit gloria, Et Filio, qui a mortuis Surrexit, ac Paraclito, In sæculorum sæcula. Amen.	All glory while the ages run [Son Be to the Father, and the Who rose from death; the same to Thee, O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti; da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere. Per Dominum nostrum. In unitate ejusdem.	O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost; grant we may be truly wise in the same Spirit, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through, &c.

After this prayer, the Director blesses the habit for both Brothers and Sisters.

Blessing of the Scapular and Habit.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V.* May the name of the Lord be blest.
R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	*R.* From this time forth, and for evermore.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui propter tuam solitam bonitatem, et per mortem unigeniti Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum fractum restaurare misericorditer dignatus es, ut a morte perpetua nos liberares, et ad gaudia perduceres paradisi; respice, humiliter quæsumus, pietatis tuæ oculo præsentem devotam familiam tuam hic hodie in tuo nomine congregatam, cujus famulus tuus beatus Franciscus, ut tibi augeatur credentium numerus, extitit Institutor, ut eam supra firmam petram, quæ Christus est, taliter semper fundes, quod ab omnibus turbationibus mundi, carnis, et diaboli sit secura; et incedens per tuorum semitam mandatorum, post ergastulum præsentis vitæ, meritis *Filii tui acerbissimæ* Pas-

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and Eternal God, who through Thy wonted goodness, and by the death of Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, hast mercifully deigned to restore our fallen world, that Thou mightest free us from eternal death, and conduct us to the joys of paradise; regard, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eye of Thy goodness, this Thy family here assembled this day in Thy name, of which Thy servant St. Francis became the Founder, that the number of those who believe in Thee might be increased; so that it may always be founded upon the firm rock, which is Christ, that it may be secure from all attacks of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and walking in the path of Thy commandments, after the bondage

sionis, et Immaculatæ Matris ejus Virginis gloriosæ, et beati Patris nostri Francisci, tuorumque omnium Sanctorum, gaudia vera possideat. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

of this present life it may attain to heavenly joy; through the merits of the most bitter Passion of Thy Son, and of His Immaculate Mother, the glorious Virgin, and of our Father St. Francis, and of all Thy Saints. Who livest and reignest, world without end.

R. Amen.

Oremus.[1]

Domine Jesu Christe, qui tegumen nostræ mortalitatis induere dignatus es, quique glorioso Confessori patri nostro Francisco, ut tres Ordines institueret, salubriter inspirasti, ac operis tui vicarios summos Ecclesiæ tuæ Pontifices ipsos approbare fecisti, immensam clementiæ tuæ largitatem suppliciter exoramus, ut hæc indumenta, quæ ad pœnitentiæ, mortificationis et humilitatis juvamen, ac pro valida contra sæculum, carnem et dæmonem armatura in-

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast deigned to put on the garb of our mortality, and hast graciously inspired Thy glorious Confessor, our most blessed Father Francis, to institute three Orders, and the supreme Pontiffs of Thy Church to approve them; we humbly beseech the abundance of Thy clemency to bless + these garments, which are instituted as a means of penance, of mortification, and of humility, and as a strong armour against the

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[1] When more than *one person* is to be received, the plural is *to be used.*

stituta sunt bene + dicere digneris, ut hic Famulus tuus (hi Famuli tui, hæc Famula tua, hæ Famulæ tuæ) tua N. ea devote suscipiens (suscipientes) te intra se taliter induat (induant), ut sicut honestam humilemque vitam indumenta ipsa prætendunt, sic etiamquolibet vitio, te adjuvante, subacto, veraciter corde, ore et opere vivere mereatur (mereantur), ut a te nullis tentationibus separetur. Qui vivis et regnas, Deus, in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

world, the flesh, and the devil; that this Thy servant (or servants) who devoutly receives (or receive) them, may lead as pure and humble a life as these garments indicate, and, with Thy assistance, having subdued every vice, may truly serve Thee in heart, word, and deed, so as never to be separated from Thee by any temptation. Who liveth and reigneth, &c.

R. Amen.

Blessing of the Cord.

Oremus.

Omnipotens et misericors Deus, qui peccatoribus misericordiam tuam poscentibus thesauros pietatis tuæ per pœnitentiam aperis, majestatem tuam suppliciter exoramus, ut funem istum in tuæ Passionis memoriale dispositum bene + dicere digneris, ut Famulus tuus (Famuli tui, Famula tua, *Famula tuæ*) qui (quæ)

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, who openest the treasures of Thy mercy to those sinners who seek for penance; we humbly beseech Thy majesty to bless + this cord, which is instituted as a memorial of Thy Passion, that Thy servant who is girded with it as a sign of penance may mercifully obtain the abundance of Thy blessnitentiæ signum eo ıgitur, benedictionis ırgitatem misericor- consequatur. Qui et regnas, Deus, in ı sæculorum.

Amen.

ings. Who livest and reignest, &c.

R. Amen.

Blessing of the Veil for the Sisters.

Oremus.

nine Jesu Christe, er Apostolum tuum sti, ut mulieres in ia sancta tua velato starent, ad osten- m, quod amator es issimæ castitatis et tatis: benedic +, et fica velum istud, et le, ut, sicut exterius tatis et honestatis gnum, ita hanc an- tuam (has ancillas quæ debet (debent) gestare, sine ma- emper custodias, et operibus abundare et tandem in cœlo ırum consortio feli- ıngos. Qui vivis et , Deus, in sæcula rum.

Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Thy Apostle hast taught that women should stand with veiled heads in Thy holy church, to show that Thou art a lover of the most unblemished chastity and purity; bless + and sanctify this veil, and grant that as it is a sign of exterior sanctity and purity, so Thou mayest ever keep without spot this Thy servant, who is bound to wear it, and make her abound in good works, and at last happily unite her to the company of the Saints in heaven. Who livest and reignest, &c.

R. Amen.

Blessing of the Rosary.

Oremus.

Omnipotens et misericors Deus, qui propter nos Filium tuum unigenitum Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum de cœlis in terram descendere, et de beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ utero, angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti, ut nos eriperes de potestate diaboli: obsecramus immensam clementiam tuam, ut hæc signa psalterii in honorem et laudem ejusdem Genetricis Filii tui ab Ecclesia tua fideli dicata bene+dicas, et sancti+fices, eisque sanctam infundas virtutem Spiritus sancti, ut quicumque horum quodlibet secum portaverit, atque in domo sua reverenter habuerit, sancta abundet devotione, et ab omni hoste visibili et invisibili semper et ubique in sæculo liberetur, et in exitu suo a beatissima semper Virgine Maria tibi plena bonis operibus præsentari mereatur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

℟. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, who for our sakes hast made Thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ come down from heaven upon earth, taking flesh from the ever-blessed Virgin Mary's womb, at the announcement of an angel, to rescue us from the power of the devil; we beseech Thee in Thine infinite mercy to bless this rosary, which is dedicated by Thy Church to the honour and praise of the same blessed Mother of Thy Son, to sanctify it, and to bestow the power of the Holy Ghost upon it, that whoever wears it upon or about him, or keeps it reverently in his house, may be filled with holy devotion, be protected against all visible and invisible enemies in this world, and at his death be presented to Thee by the ever-blessed Virgin Mary full of good works. Through the same, &c.

R. Amen.

The Director next sprinkles the habit, scapular, cord, and rosary with holy water; and turning towards the novice, says:

Exuat te Dominus veterem hominem cum actibus suis, et induat te novum, qui secundum Deum creatus est.	May the Lord take from thee the old man with his actions, and clothe thee with a new one made according to God.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then approaching the novice, he places the scapular upon him (or her), saying:

Induat te Dominus indumento salutis, et vestimento justitiæ circumdet te semper. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	May the Lord clothe thee with the garment of salvation, and surround thee always with the vesture of justice. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

He then gives him (or her) the cord, which the recipient places round his (or her) loins, whilst the Director says:

Præcingat te Dominus, Frater carissime (carissima Soror), cingulo Ordinis hujus, ad invocationem sanctissimi nominis sui, et beatissimi Patris nostri Francisci, quo possis recordari vinculorum passionis Domini nostri Jesu Christi, et servire ad opera pœnitentiæ et charitatis.	May the Lord gird thee, dearest Brother (or Sister), with the girdle of this Order, under the invocation of His most holy name and of our most blessed Father Francis, that thou mayest be mindful of the bonds of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and do works of penance and charity.

Giving him (or her) the Hours of the Blessed Virgin, or the Rosary, he says:

Accipe hoc psalterii genus, seu horarias preces, in signum devotionis et contemplationis, ut discas terrena despicere, et amare cœlestia.

Receive this office (or rosary) as a sign of devotion and contemplation, that thou mayest learn to despise what is earthly, and to love what is heavenly.

Presenting the Rule, the Director says:

Accipe regulam, quam tibi servandam tradimus; quod si ejus præcepta servaveris, ipsa custodient te, et addet Dominus vitæ tuæ benedictionem.

R. Amen.

Receive the Rule, which we give thee to observe; if thou keep its precepts they will protect thee, and the Lord will fill thee with blessings.

R. Amen.

Giving the veil to the Sisters, he says:

Operiat vultum tuum modestia, humilitas, et pudicitia; tegat te Dominus velo, et clypeo pœnitentiæ, ut non prævaleat inimicus adversum te.

R. Amen.

May modesty, humility, and chastity cover thy face; may the Lord defend thee with the veil and shield of penance, so that the enemy may not prevail against thee.

R. Amen.

He next gives a lighted candle, saying:

Accipe, Frater carissime (Soror carissima), lumen in manibus tuis, ut hoc signo discas opera tenebrarum fugere, et per

Receive, dearest Brother (or dearest Sister), the light into thy hands, that with this sign thou mayest learn to shun the works of dark-

hunc novum vivendi modum lucis exempla sectari.	ness, and to follow in this new state of life the examples of light.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Turning to the altar, he says:

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine Jesu Christi, qui dixisti, Jugum meum suave est, et onus meum leve; præsta, quæsumus, ut famulus tuus (famuli tui, famula tua, famulæ tuæ) sic illud portare valeat (valeant), ut possit (possint) consequi tuam gratiam, et gloriam æternam. Qui vivis.	O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said, My yoke is sweet, and My burden light; grant, we beseech Thee, that Thy servant may so bear it as to obtain Thy grace and eternal glory. Who livest and reignest, &c.

The Director next prepares the novice for the general absolution, inspiring him (or her) with sentiments of contrition and confidence towards God. The postulant or one of the assistants says the Confiteor, *which, for the Franciscan Order, is as follows:*

M. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, S. Francisco, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi, pater, quia peccavi *nimis cogitatione,*	*R.* I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to St. Francis, to all the Saints, and to you,

verbo, et opere, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, S. Franciscum, omnes Sanctos, et te, pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, St. Francis, and all the Saints, and you, father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

Then the Director gives the general absolution, and afterwards recites the formula, by which is given the plenary indulgence, as follows:

Misereatur tui (vestri), omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis (vestris), perducat te (vos) ad vitam æternam. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy upon thee (you), forgive thee (you) thy (your) sins, and bring thee (you) to life everlasting. Amen.

Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum tuorum (vestrorum) tribuat tibi (vobis) omnipotens et misericors Dominus. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant thee (you) pardon, absolution, and remission of thy (your) sins. Amen.

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, per suam piissimam misericordiam, et per meritum suæ sacratissimæ *Passionis* te (vos) absolvat;

May our Lord Jesus Christ, by His most holy mercy, and by the merits of His most sacred Passion, absolve thee (you);

et ego, auctoritate ipsius, qua fungor, necnon auctoritate Summi totius Ecclesiæ Pontificis mihi in hac parte commissa, absolvo te (vos) ab omni vinculo excommunicationis majoris vel minoris, si quod incurristi (incurristis); ab omni transgressione mandatorum Dei et ejusdem Ecclesiæ, simul et ab omnibus peccatis tuis (vestris), in quantum claves se extendunt; restituoque te (vos) eidem innocentiæ quam in baptismate acquisieras (acquisieratis). In nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.

and I, by His authority, which I administer, and also by the authority of the Supreme Pontiff of the whole Church, committed to me in these parts, absolve thee (you) from every bond of the greater or smaller excommunication, if thou (you) shouldst (should) have fallen into any; from every transgression of the commandments of God and His Church, and likewise from all thy (your) sins, in as far as the keys of the Church extend; and restore thee (you) to the same innocence thou (you) didst (did) receive in baptism. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. + Amen.

The Director then gives to the novice a name in religion. In the mean time the master (or mistress) of the novices conducts the novice to the Rector, then to all the Brothers (or Sisters), to receive the kiss of peace, which they give, saying:

The Lord give you His peace and the gift of perseverance.

The novice replies:

So be it.

Then the Brother (or Sister) goes to be clothed; and during the time the following Psalm is sung:

Psalm cxvi.

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: laudate eum, omnes populi.	Praise the Lord, all ye gentiles: praise Him, all ye people.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.	For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto.	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper: et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

On the return of the Brother (or Sister) clothed, the Te Deum *is sung.*

Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur.	We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
Te æternum Patrem: omnis terra veneratur.	All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.
Tibi omnes angeli: tibi cœli, et universæ potestates;	To Thee all angels: to Thee, the heavens and all the powers therein;
Tibi cherubim et seraphim: incessabili voce proclamant:	To Thee, cherubim and seraphim: continually cry:
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus: Dominus Deus Sabaoth:	Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cœli et terra: majestatis gloriæ tuæ.	Heaven and earth are full: of the majesty of Thy glory.
Te gloriosus: Apostolorum chorus.	The glorious choir of the Apostles,
Te Prophetarum: laudabilis numerus.	The admirable company of the Prophets,
Te Martyrum: candidatus laudat exercitus.	The white-robed army of Martyrs: praise Thee.
Te per orbem terrarum: sancta confitetur Ecclesia.	The Holy Church throughout all the world: doth confess Thee.
Patrem: immensæ majestatis.	The Father of an infinite majesty.
Venerandum tuum verum: et unicum Filium.	Thy adorable, true: and only Son.
Sanctum quoque: Paraclitum Spiritum.	Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Tu Rex gloriæ: Christe.	Thou art the King of glory: O Christ.
Tu Patris: sempiternus es Filius.	Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hominem: non horruisti Virginis uterum.	When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
Tu devicto mortis aculeo: aperuisti credentibus regna cœlorum.	When Thou hadst overcome the sting of death: Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes: in gloria Patris.	Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
Judex *crederis: esse*	We believe that Thou

venturus.	shalt come: to be our Judge.
Te ergo quæsumus, tuis famulis subveni: quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.	We pray Thee, therefore, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Æterna fac cum sanctis tuis: in gloria numerari.	Make them to be numbered with Thy saints: in glory everlasting.
Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine: et benedic hæreditati tuæ.	O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine inheritance.
Et rege eos, et extolle illos: usque in æternum.	And govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Per singulos dies: benedicimus te.	Day by day: we bless Thee.
Et laudamus nomen tuum in sæculum: et in sæculum sæculi.	And we praise Thy name for ever: yea, for ever and ever.
Dignare, Domine, die isto: sine peccato nos custodire.	Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day: to keep us without sin.
Miserere nostri, Domine: miserere nostri.	O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos: quemadmodum speravimus in te.	O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us: as we have hoped in Thee.
In te, Domine, speravi: non confundar in æternum.	O Lord, in Thee have I hoped: let me not be confounded for ever.
V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.	*V.* Confirm, O God, the work which Thou hast wrought in us.
R. A templo sancto tuo, *quod est in Jerusalem.*	*R.* From Thy holy temple, which is in Jerusalem.

V. Salvum (salvos, salvam, salvas) fac servum tuum (servos tuos, famulam tuam, famulas tuas).	*V.* Save Thy servant.
R. Deus meus, sperantem (sperantes) in te.	*R.* Who hopeth in Thee, O my God.
V. Mitte ei (eis), Domine, auxilium de sancto.	*V.* Send him (or her) help, O Lord, from Thy sanctuary.
R. Et de Sion, tuere eum (eor, eas, eam).	*R.* And defend him (or her) out of Sion.
V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in eo (ea, eis).	*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage over him (or her).
R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei (eis).	*R.* And the son of iniquity not approach to hurt him (or her).
V. In conceptione tua, Virgo, immaculata fuisti.	*V.* In thy conception, Holy Virgin, thou wast immaculate.
R. Ora pro nobis Patrem, cujus Filium peperisti.	*R.* Pray for us to the Father, whose Son thou didst bring forth.
V. Signasti, Domine, servum tuum Franciscum.	*V.* O Lord, Thou hast marked Thy servant Francis.
R. Signis redemptionis nostræ.	*R.* With the marks of our redemption.

For the reception of a Brother.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Ludovice.	*V.* Pray for us, blessed Louis.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

For the reception of a Sister.

V. Ora pro nobis, beata Elisabeth.	*V.* Pray for us, blessed Elizabeth.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus: piissimæ majestati tuæ pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes; ut qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non deserens, ad præmia futura disponas.	O God, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite; we render thanks to Thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy clemency, that as Thou grantest the petitions of those that ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.
Deus, qui per immaculatam Virginis conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum præparasti: quæsumus; ut, qui ex	O God, who by the immaculate conception of the Virgin hadst prepared a worthy habitation for Thy Son; we beseech Thee,

morte ejusdem Filii tui prævisa, eam ab omni labe præservasti; nos quoque mundos, ejus intercessione, ad te pervenire concedas.

that Thou who, by the foreseen death of the same Thy Son, hast preserved her from every stain, wouldest grant that we also may come to Thee purified from sin by her intercession.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui, frigescente mundo, ad inflammanda corda nostra tui amoris igne, in carne beatissimi patris nostri Francisci Passionis tuæ sacra stigmata renovasti, concede propitius, ut ejus meritis et precibus crucem jugiter feramus, et dignos fructus pœnitentiæ faciamus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, when the world was growing cold, didst renew the sacred marks of Thy Passion in the flesh of the most blessed Francis, to inflame our hearts with the fire of Thy love; mercifully grant, that by his merits and prayers we may always carry the cross, and bring forth worthy fruits of penance.

For the reception of a Sister.

Tuorum corda fidelium Deus miserator illustra; et beatæ Elisabeth precibus gloriosis fac nos prospera mundi despicere, et cœlesti semper consolatione gaudere.

Enlighten the hearts of Thy faithful, O merciful God; and by the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth make us to despise the prosperous things of the world, and ever to rejoice in heavenly consolation.

For the reception of a Brother.

Deus, qui *beatum Lu-*

O God, who translated

dovicum Confessorem tuum de terreno regno ad cœlestis regni gloriam transtulisti: ejus, quæsumus, meritis et intercessione, Regis regum Jesu Christi Filii tui facias nos esse consortes.

Deus misericordiæ, Deus pietatis, Deus, a quo bona cuncta procedunt, sine quo nihil sanctum inchoatur, nihilque perficitur; precibus nostris benignus assiste, tuæ pietatis aures adhibendo; et hunc famulum tuum (hos famulos tuos, hanc famulam tuam, has famulas tuas) cui (quibus) in tuo sancto nomine sacræ pœnitentiæ habitum imposuimus, ab omnibus periculis mentis et corporis tua protectione defende; et concede ei (eis) in sancto proposito, ac Ordinis observantia, quam assumpsit (assumpserunt), devote persistere, et ad finem usque perseverare, ut, peccatorum suorum remissione percepta, ad consortium electorum tuorum perenniter regnaturi (regnaturæ, reg-

blessed Ludovic, Confessor, from an earthly throne to heavenly glory; grant that by his merits and intercession we may reign with him in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

O God of mercy, God of love, God from whom all good things proceed, without whom no good thing is begun and none brought to completion; mercifully bow down the ear of Thy goodness to our prayers; and defend by Thy protection this Thy servant, on whom we have placed in Thy holy name the habit of holy penance, from all dangers of mind and body; and grant to him (or her) devoutly to persevere in his (or her) sacred intention and in the observance of the Order which he (or she) has assumed, and to continue therein even to the end; that having obtained the remission of his (or her) sins, he (or she) may at length merit to attain to the company of Thine elect, there to reign

natura) tandem pertingere mereatur (mereantur). Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	for ever. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

After these prayers, the Director says:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V.* May the name of the Lord be blest.
R. Et hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.	*R.* From this time forth, and for evermore.

Then turning to the novice (or novices) he gives the benediction, saying:

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti, + descendat super vos et maneat semper.	May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Ghost, + descend upon you, and remain always.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

The Director then gives him (her, or them) the feet of the crucifix to kiss, to testify to the alliance which henceforth will exist with his (her, or their) Spouse, Christ crucified, who is the propitiation for our sins.

The ceremony being ended, the name, quality, age, and residence of the novice (or novices) shall be inscribed in the register, together with the day and year of his (her, or their) reception into the Order.

CEREMONY OF PROFESSION.

The year of novitiate being finished, and the novice considered worthy to be admitted to profession, he (or she) must endeavour to prepare himself (or herself) for this solemnity by a short retreat.

On the day appointed for the profession, the sacristan must prepare the chapel as for a vesture; and the same ceremonies are to be observed.

The Director, in surplice and stole, standing on the altar-step, asks the novice (who must kneel):

What do you ask, my Brother (or my Sister)?

He (or she) replies:

My reverend Father, I pray you, for the love of God, to receive me to the profession of the Rule of the Third Order of our Father St. Francis, the better to work out my salvation, so that I may serve God in this Order unto my life's end.

The Director then gives a short exhortation on the advantages and the duties of the Third Order; after which he chants, and, if the profession be made with solemnity, he is joined by the assistants in chanting, the Veni Creator, *with the verses and prayer of the Holy Ghost.* (See pages 11 and 12.)

After the prayer, the Confiteor *is said, and the Director gives the general absolution in the form of jubilee, as at the clothing.* (See pages 21, 22, 23.)

The Director then puts his stole, in the form of a cross, on the hands of the novice, and receives his (or her) profession.[1]

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[1] If there be several novices to make their profession, one answers in the name of all.

FORM OF PROFESSION.

I, Brother (or Sister) N., promise to Almighty God, to the blessed Virgin Mary, to our blessed Father Francis, to all the Saints, and to you, my reverend Father, to keep all the commandments of God during my life, and to satisfy in a suitable manner the penances imposed on me by the Superiors for the transgressions I commit against the Rule of the Third Order of Penance, instituted by St. Francis, and confirmed by Nicholas IV. and other Popes, his successors.

The Director replies :

Ego, ex parte Dei, si hæc observaveris, promitto tibi vitam æternam, in nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti.[1] +	If you observe these things, I promise you, on the part of God, life everlasting: in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. +

The newly professed answers :

Amen.

Immediately after, the Director puts a candle in his (or her) hand, saying :

Accipe, Frater carissime (vel Soror carissima), lumen Christi in manibus tuis, in signum immortalitas tua ut scias te per Christum Dominum esse erutam a potestate tenebrarum, et translatam (translatum) in regnum dilectionis, lucis et pacis ut mortuus (vel	Receive, dearest Brother (or Sister), Christ's light into thy hands, in sign of immortality, that thou mayst know that Christ the Lord has delivered thee from the power of darkness, and has transferred thee into the kingdom of love, light, and

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[1] Chap. ii. constitution v. Ara Cœli.

mortua) mundo, vivas Deo. Exurge a mortuis et illuminabit te Christus.

R. Amen.

peace, that, dying to the world, thou mayst live to God. Rise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

R. Amen.

The Director then stands up and recites over the newly professed, who is kneeling, the following prayer :

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Majestatem tuam, Domine, suppliciter exoramus, ut famulum tuum Fratrem nostrum quem (famulam tuam Sororem nostram, quam) de tua gratia præsumentes ad ordinem pœnitentiæ admisimus, digneris inter discipulos tuos virtute ex alto induere justitiæ lorica munire, et salutis fovere vestimento, ut intercedente beato patre Francisco confessore tuo, sub humilitatis veste tibi perseveranter deservieus, ad stolam immortalitatis et gloriæ mereatur pervenire. Qui vivis et regnas in *sæcula* sæculorum.

Let us pray.

We humbly implore Thy Majesty, O Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to endow Thy servant, our Brother (or Sister), whom we have received amongst Thy disciples to the Order of Penance presuming on Thy grace, with virtue from on high, to fortify him (or her) with the breastplate of justice, and clothe him (or her) with the garment of salvation ; that by the intercession of Thy confessor, the Blessed Father Francis, he (or she) may serve Thee with perseverance in the vesture of humility, and may deserve to obtain the stole of im-

	mortality and glory. Who livest and reignest, &c.
men.	*R.* Amen.

is prayer, the Director intones the Te Deum *or the* date Dominum, *which the assistants continue. Mean- the newly professed is led to the Superiors and other tants to receive the kiss of peace, as at the clothing.*

e Te Deum, *the following versicles and responses are recited:*

onfirma hoc, Deus, peratus es in nobis.	*V.* Confirm, O God, the work which Thou hast wrought in us.
templo sancto tuo t in Jerusalem.	*R.* From Thy holy temple in Jerusalem.
ra pro nobis, beate rancisce.	*V.* Pray for us, blessed Father Francis.
t digni efficiamur sionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
alvum (salvos, sal- lvas) tuum (servos ncillam tuam.	*V.* Save Thy servant.
eus meus, speran- erantes) in te.	*R.* Who puts his (or her) trust in Thee, O God.
litte ei (eis), Do- uxilium de sancto.	*V.* Send him (or her) help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.
t de Sion tuere s, eam, eas).	*R.* And defend him (or her) in Sion.
ihil proficiat inimi- o (ea, eis).	*V.* Let not the enemy prevail against him (or her).
t filius iniquitatis onat nocere ei (eis).	*R.* Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt him (or her).

V. In conceptione tua, Virgo, immaculata fuisti.	*V.* In Thy conception, blessed Virgin, Thou wast immaculate.
R. Ora pro nobis Patrem, cujus Filium peperisti.	*R.* Pray for us to the Father, whose Son thou didst bring forth.
V. Signasti, Domine, servum tuum Franciscum.	*V.* Sign, O Lord, Thy Franciscan servant.
R. Signis Redemptionis nostræ.	*R.* With the sign of our Redemption.

At the profession of a Sister.

V. Ora pro nobis, beata Elisabeth.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Elizabeth.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

At the profession of a Brother.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Ludovice.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Louis.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus, et *bonitatis infinitus* est	O God, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose good-

thesaurus: piissimæ majestati tuæ pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes; ut qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non deserrens, ad præmia futura disponas.

ness is infinite: we render thanks to Thy most gracious majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy clemency, that as Thou grantest the petitions of them that ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.

Deus, qui per Immaculatam Virginis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum præparasti: quæsumus; ut, qui ex morte ejusdem Filii tui prævisa, eam ab omni labe præservasti; nos quoque mundos, ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas.

O God, who by the Virgin's Immaculate Conception didst prepare a worthy dwelling for Thy Son; grant, we beseech Thee, that Thou, who by the death of Thy Son didst preserve her from every stain, wouldst by her intercession purify us in soul and body so that we may worthily come to Thee.

Deus, qui famulum tuum (vel famulam tuam) a vanitate sæculi conversum (conversam) ad bravium supernæ vocationis accendis, cordi illius purificando illabere, et gratiam tuam qua in te perseveret, illi in funde; ut protectionis tuæ munitus (munita) præsidiis, quod te

O God, who inflamest Thy servant whom Thou hast called from the vanity of this world to strive after the reward of a heavenly vocation; purify his (or her) heart, and pour upon him (or her) Thy grace, that being fortified by Thy protection he (or she) may with perseverance fulfil donante promisit, adimpleat, et professionis suæ sectator effectus (sectatrix effecta) ad ea quæ perseverantibus in te promittere dignatus es, pertingat.

Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus, miserator illustra, et beatæ Elisabeth precibus gloriosis fac nos prospera mundi despicere, et cœlesti semper consolatione gaudere.

Deus, qui beatum Ludovicum confessorem tuum de terreno regno ad cœlestis regni gloriam transtulisti: ejus quæsumus meritis, et intercessione, regis regum Jesu Christi Filii tui facias nos esse consortes.

Deus, qui mira crucis mysteria in beatissimo confessore tuo Sancto Francisco multiformiter demonstrasti, da famulo tuo (famulis tuis, famulæ tuæ, famulabus tuis) ipsius semper exempla sectari, et assidua ejus crucis meditatione muniri. Per Chris-

what he (or she) promised, and having followed, with Thine aid, his (or her) vocation, he (or she) may reach those things which Thou hast promised to those who persevere.

Mercifully enlighten, O God, the hearts of Thy faithful servants; and through the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth make us to despise the good things of this world, and ever to delight in the consolations of heaven.

O God, who hast translated blessed Louis Thy confessor from an earthly to a heavenly kingdom; grant us by his merits and intercession to reign with him for ever in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O God, who hast manifested the wonderful mysteries of the cross in many ways in thy most blessed confessor St.Francis; grant to Thy servant that he (or she) may always follow his example and be fortified in the assiduous meditation of the Cross.

ominum.	Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.	*R.* Amen.

his, the Father Director takes the crucifix from the altar and blesses the newly professed, saying :

edicat te divinæ ma- s, Pater, + et Fili- SpiritusSanctus. +	May the divine majesty of the Father, + Son, + and Holy Ghost bless thee.
men.	*R.* Amen.

n presents the crucifix to the newly professed, who es the feet, and the Director replaces it on the altar.

t of profession is then entered in the register of the gregation, and signed by the newly professed ; the ector and the Superior also add their names. The is to be written according to the following form :

the greater glory of God and the salvation of n soul, I (Brother or Sister N., wife or widow of velling at N., declare that I have made, with per- erty, profession of the Rule of the Third Order ance into the hands of the Rev. Father N., Direc- the Congregation established at N., and in pre- f the Brothers (or Sisters) of the said Community. ise, with the grace of God, to observe the holy o my life's end, faithfully keeping the command- of God and of the Church, and submitting to all nances which may be imposed upon me by the Visitor for the transgressions I may commit t our holy Rule and Constitutions, or for acting way contrary to the state of life I have embraced. ness of which I sign this act, the of the of , the year .[1]

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[1] is act of profession must be signed by the Director the person professed, and in presence of at least two es, and be afterwards entered in the register of the *nity.*

If the newly professed cannot write, he (or she) must attach his (or her) usual mark to the act of profession.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

For the greater glory of God and for the salvation of my soul, I, , of my own free will, have made profession of the Third Order of Penance of our holy Father St. Francis into the hands of the Rev. , Director of the Congregation established at , this day of , 18 , after having fulfilled all the conditions of my novitiate.

And I purpose, with the help of God's grace, to keep the commandments of God, and to satisfy with exactitude the penance imposed upon me for my transgressions against the Rule. In faith of which I have signed this act with my own hand, the day, month, and year above named, in presence of the Father Director and one witness.

Professed.
SEAL. *Director.*
Witness, or Secretary.

Each Tertiary must keep a copy of this certificate, duly signed, which will entitle him (or her) to admission in any foreign house of the Order.

CEREMONY OF THE VOW OF CHASTITY FOR THE SISTERS;

For such as, being about to make their profession, with the consent of their Confessor, desire to consecrate themselves to God in the vow of perpetual chastity.[1] *Before re-*

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[1] When the vow is for a limited period, the time is expressed instead of the words in italics; and, further on, the word "*irrevocable*" is omitted.

ceiving their profession, the Director blesses a ring according to the following form:

Benediction of the Virginal Ring.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Creator et conservator humani generis, dator gratiæ spiritualis et largitor humanæ salutis, tu Domine, emitte bene + dictionem tuam super hunc annulum, ut quæ eum gestaverit, cœlesti virtute munita, fidem integram, fidelitatem que sinceram teneat, sicut sponsa Christi, virginitatis propositum custodiat, et in castitate perpetua perseveret. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	Creator and Preserver of the human race, Giver of spiritual grace and Bestower of human salvation; give Thy blessing to this ring, that she who wears it may be filled with heavenly power, and, as a spouse of Christ, may keep strict faith and sincere fidelity, and persevering in perpetual chastity, may preserve holy virginity. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

The Director sprinkles the ring with holy water, and the vow is made, or renewed, in the following words:

Form of the Vow of Chastity.

O Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I, N., Thine unworthy creature, prostrate before Thine infinite Majesty, in the presence of the whole celestial court, relying on the hope of Thy succour, vow and promise to preserve chastity of soul and body *for the remainder of my life.*[1] Henceforth Thou alone shalt be my portion, Thou alone shalt be my God and the God of my heart. I renounce, then, all that is contrary to holy purity and modesty. I take my loving Jesus for my spouse, and I attach myself entirely to Him for ever. Deign, O my God, to accept this [*irrevocable*] vow, heap upon me Thy benedictions and graces, that I may stand unshaken under all temptations, and may be victorious over all the efforts of my enemies. Grant that by the consecration I make to Thee of all that I am this day, I may become a new and perfect victim of Thy divine love. Amen.

The Director replies:

Et ego, tamquam minister Ecclesiæ Dei, ejus nomine hanc tuam promissionem et votum accepto et approbo. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. +	And I, as the minister of the Church of God, accept and approve in His name of this thy promise and vow. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. +
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

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[1] When the vow is for a limited period, the time is expressed instead of the words in italics; and, further on, the word "irrevocable" is omitted.

The Director then presents the ring to the person making the vow, who places it on her finger, and the Director says:

Desponso te Jesu Christo, Filio summi Patris, qui te illæsam custodiat. Accipe igitur annulum fidei, signaculum Spiritus Sancti, ut sponsa Dei voceris: et si ei fideliter servieris, in perpetuum coroneris. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.

R. Amen.

I espouse thee to Jesus Christ, the Son of the Almighty Father, who may keep thee without spot. Receive also the ring of faith, the sign of the Holy Ghost, that thou mayst be called the spouse of God; and if thou faithfully serve Him, thou wilt be crowned for ever. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

ANTIPHON (*sung by the Tertiary*).

I am espoused to Him whom the angels adore, at whose beauty the sun and the moon stand astonished. My Lord Jesus Christ hath espoused me to Himself with this ring, and as a chosen one He hath adorned me with a crown. With a crown of everlasting brightness hath He adorned me.

The Director then gives the blessing as follows:

May the Creator of heaven and earth, may the eternal Father who hath vouchsafed to elect thee to be the spouse of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, bless thee, His chosen child, that, pure and immaculate, thou mayst observe those things which thou hast promised before God and His holy angels; that thou mayst be firm in thy resolution; that thou mayst love penance

and chastity; that thou mayst guard and
thyself in holy patience; that so in the end t
be worthy to receive the crown of everla
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

CEREMONY FOR THE RENEWAL O PROFESSION OF THE THIRD OR

On the day chosen for this ceremony, the Sacrista the chapel as for holy days. Immediately the Father Director gives an exhortation; tones the Veni Creator, *which the Brothers continue, and adds the antiphons, verses, and follow :*

Unica est columba mea, una est perfecta mea, una est genetricis suæ electa. Viderunt eam animæ sanctæ, et immaculatam prædicaverunt.	One is my perfect one is b is the only one ther, the chos that bore her. saw her, and immaculate.
O Patriarcha pauperum, Francisce, tuis precibus auge tuorum numerum in caritate Christi, quos cancellatis manibus cæcutiens, ut moriens Jacob, benedixisti.	O Francis, P the poor, by t increase in the Christ the num children, who blind like dyi thou didst bles thy hands.
V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.	*V.* Send fort rit, and they sh ated.
R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.	*R.* And Thou new the face of

V. Memento congregationis tuæ.

R. Quam possedisti ab initio.

V. In conceptione tua, Virgo, immaculata fuisti.

R. Ora pro nobis Patrem, cujus Filium peperisti.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater Francisce.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.

Deus, qui fidelium tuorum gressus dirigis et perficis, famulos tuos (*vel* famulas tuas), in nomine tuo congregatos (*vel* congregatas), sic dirige et perfice, ut a mundi illecebris semper effugiant; vota sua, quæ ad altare tuum introeuntes *renovant, in*

V. Remember Thy congregation.

R. Which Thou hast governed from the first.

V. In thy conception, O blessed Virgin, thou wast immaculate.

R. Pray for us to the Father, whose Son thou didst bring forth.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Father Francis.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant to us in the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

O God, who dost direct and perfect the steps of Thy faithful; so direct and perfect Thy servants, who are here assembled in Thy name, that they may flee from the allurements of the world; confirm for ever their vows, which, approaching Thy altar, they

æternum firma, ut fideles oculis tuis inveniantur, et cum venerit ad eos (*vel* ad eas) Christus Filius tuus, ipsos (*vel* ipsas) inveniat vigilantes et super omnia bona sua constituat.

Infirmitatem nostram respice, omnipotens Deus, et præsta, ut, gratia tua abundante, ubi vires nostræ deficiunt, quæ jam promisimus et quæ promissa renovamus, exsequi possimus; corda subleva, quæ pondus propriæ actionis gravat, et a mundo separata, tibi soli deservire, nobis concede.

Deus, qui per Immaculatam Virginis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum præparasti, quæsumus, ut qui ex morte ejusdem Filii tui prævisa, eam ab omni labe præservasti, nos quoque mundos ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas.

now renew, that they may be found faithful in Thy sight; and when Christ Thy Son shall come to them, He may find them watching, and set them over all His goods.

Almighty God, look mercifully upon our infirmities; and grant that where our strength fails, we may, through the abundance of Thy grace, be enabled to perform the promises which we have already made, and which we now renew; raise up our hearts, which are oppressed by the weight of our own deeds, and grant that, separated from the world, they may serve Thee alone.

O God, who by the Virgin's Immaculate Conception didst prepare a worthy dwelling for Thy Son; we beseech Thee that Thou, who by the death of that same Son of Thine, by Thee foreseen, didst preserve her from every stain, wouldst grant that by her intercession we also may be purified, and so come to Thee.

Deus, qui Ecclesiam tuam beati Patris nostri Francisci meritis fœtu novæ prolis amplificasti, exaudi preces famulorum tuorum (*vel* famularum tuarum) vota renovantium et in nomine tuo congregatorum (*vel* congregatarum) tribue illis ex ejus imitatione terrena mundi despicere, et cœlestium bonorum semper participatione gaudere. Per Dominum nostrum, &c.

O God, who by the merits of our blessed Father Francis hast increased Thy Church by a new progeny; graciously hear the prayers of Thy servants, who now renew their vows and are assembled in Thy name; and grant to them, by imitating him, to despise earthly things, and ever to rejoice in the participation of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of these prayers, the Father Director ascends the step of the altar, where he takes his seat, and the choristers chant:

Ant. Induite vos, sicut electi Dei, sancti et dilecti, viscera misericordiæ, benignitatem, humilitatem, modestiam, patientiam.

Ant. Renovamini Spiritu mentis vestræ et induite novum hominem, qui secundum Deum creatus est in justitia et sanctitate veritatis.

Ant. Put ye on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience.

Ant. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who, according to God, is created in justice and holiness of truth.

Whilst these antiphons are being chanted, the Brothers (or Sisters) light the candles, which they ought to hold in the hand during the renewal of their profession. After this, the Father (or Mother) Superior goes to his (or her) place at the foot of the altar, and, kneeling before the

Father Director, repeats aloud and distinctly the form of Profession; the other Brothers (or Sisters) also kneeling and repeating it at the same time and in the same manner.

Vow at Renewal of Profession.

Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one only God in Three Persons, I present myself before Thee to adore Thee, and to render Thee thanks for all the blessings and mercies Thou hast bestowed upon me with so much bounty, ever since I came into the world. I thank Thee principally, O my God, for having made me a member of the Third Order of Thy servant St. Francis. I confess that the yoke of Thy holy service is neither heavy nor difficult, and that I do not find myself oppressed with my bonds; on the contrary, I desire to bind more tightly the sacred knots. I embrace, then, anew, the holy Rule of our glorious Father St. Francis; I ratify my profession, and renew it with all my heart, promising again to Thy Divine Majesty, to the blessed Virgin Mary, to our blessed Father St. Francis, and to all the Saints, to keep Thy commandments all my life, and to fulfil the penances imposed upon me by my Superiors for my transgressions against the Rule. I make an inviolable resolution to be always faithful to this. Deign to bless my resolution, O my God; kindle in my heart the fervour of Thy love, that, glowing with the warmth of charity, I may be a true child of our Seraphic Father, and never cease to praise and to love Thee.

N.B. If the vow of chastity has been taken, this is to be added:

O Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I, N., Thine unworthy creature, prostrate before Thine Infinite Majesty, in the presence of the whole celestial [illegible]urt, relying on the hope of Thy succour, renew my vow, and promise to preserve chastity of soul and body for the remainder of my life. Henceforth, Thou alone shalt be my portion, Thou alone shalt be my God, and the God of my heart. I renounce, then, all that is contrary to holy purity and modesty. I take my loving Jesus for my Spouse, and I attach myself entirely to Him for ever. Deign, O my God, to accept this irrevocable vow; heap upon me Thy benediction and graces, that I may stand unshaken under all temptations, and may be victorious over all the efforts of my enemies. Grant that by the consecration I make anew to Thee this day of all that I am, I may become a new and perfect victim of Thy divine love. Amen.

The Director replies:

If you observe these things, I promise you, on the part of God, life everlasting; in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. +

All the Brothers or Sisters answer:

Amen.

The Father Director then descends to the foot of the altar, and, being seated, intones the Te Deum, *which the Brothers (or Sisters) continue. Afterwards, the following are recited:*

V. Benedicamus Patrem, et Filium cum Sancto Spiritu.	*V.* Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.
R. Laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.	*R.* Let us praise and magnify Him above all for ever.
V. Vovete et reddite Domino Deo nostro.	*V.* Vow ye, and pay to the Lord your God.
R. Omnes qui in circuitu ejus affertis munera.	*R.* And bring presents, all ye that are round about Him.

V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

R. Et hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

V. Benedic, anima mea, Domino.

R. Et omnia quæ intra me sunt, nomini sancto ejus.

V. Qui replet in bonis desiderium tuum.

R. Renovabit ut aquilæ juventus tua.

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.

R. A templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus; piissimæ majestati tuæ, pro collatis donis, gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes, ut qui petentibus postulata

V. Blessed be of the Lord.

R. From h now, and for eve

V. Bless the my soul.

R. And all tha me bless His hol

V. Who satis desire with good

R. Thy youth renewed like the

V. Confirm, O work which T wrought in us.

R. From Thy ple in Jerusalem.

V. Lord, he prayer.

R. And let my unto Thee.

V. The Lord you.

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Thy clemency, that as Thou grantest the petitions of them that ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.

O God, the protector of all that hope in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply Thy mercy upon us; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not those which are eternal.

O God, who hast prepared invisible good things for them that love Thee; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee in all things, and above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire.

O God, to whom belongeth all that is perfect; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and by Thy great mercy

quæ sunt nutrita, custodias.

Deus, qui nos ad imaginem tuam sacramentis renovas et præceptis; perfice gressus nostros in semitis tuis; ut caritatis donum quod a nobis sperare fecisti, facias veraciter apprehendi.

Deus, qui nos a sæculi vanitate conversos, ad bravium supernæ vocationis accendis, pectoribus nostris purificandis illabere, et gratiam nobis, qua in te perseveremus, infunde: ut protectionis tuæ muniti præsidio, quod te donante promisimus, impleamus; et nostræ professionis executores effecti, ad ea quæ perseverantibus in te promittere dignatus es, pertingamus.

Tibi, Domine Deus noster, cordis et corporis nostri viventem hostiam immolantes, humiliter petimus, ut nos in tuum vitæ carnalis mortificatione sacrificium accipias, ac mori-

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into a share of Thine own sacrifice; and our life being in accordance with our profession, Thou mayst ordain that we, whom Thou hast set apart from the common course of mankind, may also, through the pouring forth of Thy love upon us from above, be separated from all worldly intercourse and from the stains of carnal conversation.

Deus, qui renuntiantibus sæculi pompis, mansiones paras in cœlo, dilata nostra Fratrumque nostrorum et Sororum nostrarum corda cœlestibus donis; ut fraterna tueamur compagine charitatis, et unanimes præcepta custodiamus, sobrii, simplices et quieti; gratis datam nobis nostræ professionis gratiam fuisse cognoscamus, concordet vita nostra cum nomine, et professio sentiatur in opere; ut ad eum, quem te inspirante spiritum perfectionis concepimus, te adjuvante, pervenire valeamus. Per Dominum *nostrum, &c.*

O God, who hast prepared mansions in heaven for those who renounce the pomps of this world, open our hearts, and the hearts of our Brothers and Sisters, by Thy heavenly gifts; that we may be defended by the bond of brotherly love, and may soberly, simply, and peaceably keep Thy Commandments. May we acknowledge that the grace of our profession has been freely given to us by Thee; may our life agree with our name, and our profession be known by our works; so that, by Thy help, we may be enabled to arrive at

that spirit of perfection, which through Thy inspiration we have conceived. Through our Lord, &c.

After this, the Father Director shall give the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

N.B. Clement XII. has granted (30th March 1736) a plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, to all who shall thus make a renewal of their profession on the 16*th April*, being the anniversary of the Religious Profession of our Seraphic Father St. Francis in 1209; and on the 29*th November*, being the festival of all the Saints of the Order. Tertiaries, whether secular or otherwise, are earnestly exhorted, therefore, never to omit the renewal of their profession on those days.

PRAYERS FOR THE ASSEMBLIES.

PARTICULAR ASSEMBLIES.

Prayers before the Assembly.

The Father Director, or whoever presides, says:

Veni, Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium, et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle within them the fire of Thy love.

Sub tuum præsidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix: nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God: despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Respice, beate Pater Francisce, de excelso cœlorum habitaculo, et deprecare pro populo tuo, populo quem elegisti, ut serviat coram te omni tempore in ministerio sanctuarii Domini.

Look down, O blessed Father Francis, from heaven, thy dwelling-place on high, and intercede for thy people, whom thou hast chosen, that they may ever serve before thee in the ministry of the Lord's sanctuary.

V. Kyrie, eleison.

R. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pater noster, &c. (*Dicitur totum secreto.*)

Our Father, &c. (*All in secret.*)

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Memento congregationis tuæ.

R. Quam possedisti ab initio.

V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater Francisce.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Mentes nostras, quæsumus, Domine, lumine tuæ claritatis illustra, ut videre possimus quæ agenda sunt, et quæ recta sunt agere valeamus.

Concede nos famulos

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Remember Thy congregation.

R. Which Thou hast governed from the first.

V. Make me worthy to praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Father Francis.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the brightness of Thy light; that we may both see what we ought to do, and may also have strength to perform what is just.

Grant, we beseech Thee,

tuos, quæsumus, Domine Deus, perpetua mentis et corporis sanitate gaudere; et gloriosa beatæ Mariæ semper virginis intercessione, a præsenti liberari tristitia et æterna perfrui lætitia.

O Lord God, that we, Thy servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and, by the intercession of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy.

Deus, qui Ecclesiam tuam beati Patris nostri Francisci meritis, fœtu novæ prolis amplificas: tribue nobis, ex ejus imitatione, terrena despicere, et cœlestium donorum semper participatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

O God, who by the merits of our blessed Father Francis dost increase Thy Church with a new progeny; grant us, by imitating him, to despise earthly things, and ever to rejoice in the participation of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Amen.

Prayers after the Assembly.

V. Kyrie eleison.

R. Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c. (*Dicitur totum secreto.*)

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus in nobis.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, &c. (*All in secret.*)

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Confirm, O God, the work which Thou hast wrought in us.

R. A templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. From Thy hol ple in Jerusalem.

V. Lord, hear prayer.

R. And let n come unto Thee.

V. The Lord b you.

R. And with thy

Oremus.

Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Domine, auxilium gratiæ tuæ, ut quæ, te auctore, facienda cognovimus, te inspirante, impleamus.

Agimus tibi gratias, omnipotens Deus, pro universis beneficiis tuis. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Grant us, we b Thee, O Lord, the Thy grace, that as l teaching we have what we ought to by Thy inspiration fulfil the same.

We give Thee t Almighty God, for a blessings. Who liv reignest world v end.

R. Amen. .

All together :

Retribuere dignare, Domine, benefactoribus nostris vivis atque defunctis vitam æternam. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O L reward our bene living and dead, eternal life. Amen

Oremus.

Deus veniæ largitor, et humanæ salutis amator; *quæsumus* clementiam

Let us pray.

O God, bounti forgiving, and lovin sirous of man's sal tuam, ut nostræ Congregationis fratres, sorores, propinquos, et benefactores, qui ex hoc sæculo transierunt, beata Maria semper virgine intercedente cum omnibus sanctis tuis, ad perpetuæ beatitudinis consortium pervenire concedas.

we humbly beseech Thy mercy in behalf of the brothers, sisters, relatives, and benefactors of our congregation, who have passed from this world; that, through the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, and all the Saints, Thou wouldst permit them to come to the full participation of everlasting happiness.

For all the faithful departed.

Fidelium, Deus, omnium Conditor et Redemptor; animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum; ut indulgentiam quam semper optaverunt, piis supplicationibus consequantur. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

V. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine.

R. Ut lux perpetua luceat eis.

V. Requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

The Tertiaries being assembled in the Chapel, th Director, in surplice and stole, and kneeling a of the altar, intones the Veni Creator, *which tiaries continue after the first line of the fi After that they recite the following Antiphons Father Director says the versicles and prayers*

Sub tuum præsidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix: nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

Respice, beate Pater Francisce, de excelso cœlorum habitaculo, et deprecare pro populo tuo, populo quem elegisti, ut serviat coram te, omni tempore, in ministerio sanctuarii Domini.

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.

V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater Francisce.

We fly to thy p O holy Mother despise not our in our necessiti deliver us always dangers, O glori blessed Virgin.

Look down, O Father Francis, f ven, thy dwelling high, and interce people whom thou sen that they may e before thee in the of the Lord's san

V. Send forth rit, and they shal ated.

R. And thou new the face of t

V. Make me praise thee, O sa gin.

R. Give me against thine ene

V. Pray for u sed Father Fran

digni efficiamur
onibus Christi.

mine, exaudi ora-
eam.
clamor meus ad
.
minus vobiscum.
cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

qui corda Fideli-
ti Spiritus illus-
docuisti, da nobis
Spiritu recta sa-
le ejusdem semper
ione gaudere.

de nos famulos
æsumus, Domine
rpetua mentis et
sanitate gaudere,
sa beatæ Mariæ
virginis interces-
præsenti liberari
et æterna perfrui

qui Ecclesiam
eati Patris nos-
ncisci meritis fœtu
rolis amplificas;
bis ex ejus imita-
rena despicere, et
m don*orum sem*-

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant to us in the same Spirit to relish what is right, and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and, by the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy.

O God, who by the merits of our blessed Father Francis dost increase Thy Church with a new progeny; grant us by imitating him to despise earthly things, and ever to rejoice

per participatione gaudere.	in the participation of heavenly gifts.
Actiones nostras, quæsumus, Domine, aspirando præveni, et adjuvando prosequere; ut cuncta nostra oratio et operatio a te semper incipiat, et per te cœpta finiatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	Prevent us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in all our actions with Thy inspiration, and further us with Thy continual help; that every prayer and work of ours may begin and end with Thee. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

At the conclusion of these prayers the Sisters recite the Office of the Blessed Virgin according to the statutes of the Third Order (chap. xiii.). *The Father Director then gives an instruction, reads the notices required by circumstances, and announces the Clothings and Professions for the next assembly, &c. He also, if there be occasion, gives the Holy Habit to the Postulants, and admits the Novices to their Professions, &c. After this, kneeling at the foot of the Altar, he recites the following prayers alternately with the Choir :*

V. Tota pulchra es, Maria.	*V.* Thou art all fair, O Mary.
R. Et macula originalis non est in te.	*R.* And the original stain is not in thee.
V. Tu gloria Jerusalem.	*V.* Thou art the glory of Jerusalem.
R. Tu lætitia Israel.	*R.* Thou art the joy of Israel.
V. Tu honorificentia populi nostri.	*V.* Thou our people's special honour.
R. Tu advocata peccatorum.	*R.* Thou the advocate of sinners.
V. O Maria! O Maria!	*V.* O Mary! O Mary!

R. Virgo prudentissima.	*R.* Virgin most prudent.
V. Mater clementissima.	*V.* Mother most merciful.
R. Ora pro nobis.	*R.* Pray for us.
V. Intercede pro nobis.	*V.* Intercede for us.
R. Ad Dominum Jesus Christum.	*R.* With Jesus Christ our Lord.

All together:

Conceptio tua, Dei Genitrix Virgo, gaudium annuntiavit universo mundo; ex te enim ortus est Sol justitiæ, Christus Deus noster, qui solvens maledictionem, dedit benedictionem, et confundens mortem, donavit nobis vitam sempiternam.	Thy Conception, O Virgin Mother of God, was the herald of joy to the whole world; since from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who, destroying the curse, bestowed the blessing, and confounding death, gifted us with life everlasting.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Kyrie, eleison.		Lord, have mercy.	
Kyrie, eleison.		*Lord, have mercy.*	
Christe, eleison.		Christ, have mercy.	
Christe, eleison.		*Christ, have mercy.*	
Kyrie, eleison.		Lord, have mercy.	
Kyrie, eleison.		*Lord, have mercy.*	
Christe, audi nos.		Christ, hear us.	
Christe, exaudi nos.		*Christ, graciously hear us.*	
Pater de cœlis Deus,	*Miserere nobis.*	God the Father of heaven,	*Have mercy on us.*
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus,		God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	
Spiritus Sancte Deus,		God the Holy Ghost,	

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus,	*Miserere nobis.*	Holy Trinity, one God,	*Have mercy on us.*
Sancta Maria,		Holy Mary,	
Sancta Dei Genitrix,		Holy Mother of God,	
Sancta Virgo Virginum,		Holy Virgin of virgins,	
Mater Christi,		Mother of Christ,	
Mater divinæ gratiæ,		Mother of divine grace,	
Mater purissima,		Mother most pure,	
Mater castissima,		Mother most chaste,	
Mater inviolata,		Mother inviolate,	
Mater intemerata,		Mother undefiled,	
Mater amabilis,		Mother most amiable,	
Mater admirabilis,		Mother most admirable,	
Mater Creatoris,		Mother of our Creator,	
Mater Salvatoris,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Mother of our Saviour,	*Pray for us.*
Virgo prudentissima,		Virgin most prudent,	
Virgo veneranda,		Virgin most venerable,	
Virgo prædicanda,		Virgin most renowned,	
Virgo potens,		Virgin most powerful,	
Virgo clemens,		Virgin most merciful,	
Virgo fidelis,		Virgin most faithful,	
Speculum justitiæ,		Mirror of justice,	
Sedes sapientiæ,		Seat of wisdom,	
Causa nostræ lætitiæ,		Cause of our joy,	
Vas spirituale,		Spiritual vessel,	
Vas honorabile,		Vessel of honour,	
Vas insigne devotionis,		Vessel of singular devotion,	
Rosa mystica,		Mystical rose,	
Turris Davidica,		Tower of David,	
Turris eburnea,		Tower of ivory,	
Domus aurea,		House of gold,	
Fœderis arca,		Ark of the covenant,	
Janua cœli,		Gate of heaven,	

matutina,		Morning star,	
nfirmorum,		Health of the sick,	
um peccatorum,		Refuge of sinners,	
atrix afflicto-		Comforter of the afflicted,	
m Christian- ,		Help of Christians,	
Angelorum,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Queen of Angels,	*Pray for us.*
Patriarcharum,		Queen of Patriarchs,	
Prophetarum,		Queen of Prophets,	
Apostolorum,		Queen of Apostles,	
Martyrum,		Queen of Martyrs,	
Confessorum,		Queen of Confessors,	
Virginum,		Queen of Virgins,	
Sanctorum om- ,		Queen of all Saints,	
sine labe origi- concepta,		Queen conceived without original sin,	
Dei, qui tollis pec- mundi,		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,	
obis, Domine.		*Spare us, O Lord.*	
Dei, qui tollis pec- mundi,		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,	
nos, Domine.		*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*	
Dei, qui tollis pec- mundi,		Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,	
e nobis.		*Have mercy on us.*	
, audi nos.		Christ, hear us.	
, *exaudi nos.*		*Christ, graciously hear us.*	
leison.		Lord, have mercy.	
leison.		*Lord, have mercy.*	

Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Pater noster, &c. (*Dicitur totum secreto.*)	Our Father, &c. (*All in secret.*)
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. In conceptione tua, Virgo, immaculata fuisti.	*V.* In thy conception, O blessed Virgin, thou wast immaculate.
R. Ora pro nobis Patrem, cujus Filium peperisti.	*R.* Pray for us to the Father, whose Son thou didst bring forth.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui per Immaculatam Virginis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum præparasti: quæsumus; ut, qui ex morte ejusdem Filii tui prævisa, eam ab omni labe præservasti; nos quoque mundos, ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas.	O God, who by the Virgin's Immaculate Conception didst prepare a worthy dwelling for Thy Son; we beseech Thee, that Thou, who, by the death of that same Son of Thine, foreseen by Thee, didst preserve her from every stain, wouldst grant that by her intercession we also may be purified, and so come to Thee.
Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui nos Seraphici Patris nostri Francisci et *omnium* Sanctorum nostri	O Almighty and Eternal God, who hast granted us the grace to honour our Seraphic Father St. Fran-

ιici Ordinis merita
ıa tribuisti comme-
one venerari, quæ-
, ut desideratam no-
æ propitiationis a-
ıtiam, multiplicatis
ssoribus, largiaris.
s, largiter pacis et
charitatis, da famu-
famulabus) tuis ve-
ım tua veritate con-
m; ut ab omnibus
os pulsant tentatio-
iberemur.

ιipotens sempiterne
qui facis mirabilia
solus, prætende
famulos tuos (*vel*
ıs tuas) spiritum
salutaris, et ut in
te tibi complaceant,
ıuum eis rorem tuæ
ictionis infunde.
lesiæ tuæ, quæsu-
Domine, preces pla-
ıdmitte, ut destructis
ıitatibus et erroribus
sis, secura tibi ser-
bertate.

nipotens sempiterne
qui vivorum domi-
simul et mortuorum,
ımque misereris, quos

cis, and all the Saints of our Order, in one commemoration; we pray Thee, in consideration of our many intercessors, to extend to us the abundance of Thy mercies.

O God, who art the Giver of peace and Lover of charity; grant to Thy servants true concord and union with Thy holy will, that we may be delivered from all the temptations which may assault us.

O Almighty and Eternal God, who alone doest wonderful things; pour upon Thy servants the spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, mercifully pour upon them the dews of Thy benediction.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, mercifully to grant the prayers of Thy Church, that, all adversities and errors being removed, she may freely and securely serve Thee.

Almighty, everlasting God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to tuos fide et opere futuros esse prænoscis: te supplices exoramus; ut pro quibus effundere preces decrevimus, quosque vel præsens sæculum adhuc in carne retinet, vel futurum jam exutos corpore suscepit, intercedentibus omnibus Sanctis tuis, pietatis tuæ clementia, omnium delictorum suorum veniam consequantur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

all who Thou forekı will be Thine by fai good works; we hum seech Thee that th whom we intend tı forth our prayers, w this present world sı tain them in the flı the world to come h ready received them ped of their mortal l may, by the grace ı loving-kindness, a the intercession of ı Saints, obtain the sion of all their Through Christ our

R. Amen.

The Tertiaries afterwards recite, with arms exten the form of the Cross, five Paters, Ave Mariaı Gloria Patris, *in honour of the Five Wounds of ı viour Jesus Christ, and of the Seraphic Fath Francis; and also for the Sovereign Pontiff. Th Father Director adds:*

Salve, sancte Pater, patriæ lux, forma Minorum, virtutis speculum, recti via, regula morum, carnis ab exilio duo nos ad regna polorum.

Hail, holy Father of thy country, mo the Friars Minor, : of virtue, way of goo rule of morals! Lı from the exile oı body to heavenly doms.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater Francisce.

R. Ut digni efficiamur

V. Pray for us, O ed Father Francis.

R. That we mı

sionibus Christi.

remus pro Ponti-
stro N.
ominus conservet
t vivificet eum, et
faciat eum in terra,
tradat eum in ani-
imicorum ejus.

Oremus.

ine Jesu Christe,
gescente mundo ad
nandum corda nos-
moris igne, in carne
imi Patris nostri
sci Passionis tuæ
Stigmata renovasti:
e propitius; ut ejus
, et precibus crucem
feramus, et dignos
pœnitentiæ facia-

ipotens sempiterne
miserere famulo tuo
ici nostro N., et di-
m secundum tuam
tiam in viam sa-
ternæ; ut te donante
acita cupiat, et tota
perficiat. Per Chris-

made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff N.

R. The Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, when the world was growing cold, didst renew the sacred marks of Thy Passion in the flesh of our most blessed Father St. Francis, to inflame our hearts with the fire of Thy love; mercifully grant, that by his merits and prayers we may always carry the cross, and bring forth worthy fruits of penance.

Almighty, everlasting God, have mercy upon thy servant N., our Sovereign Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy clemency, in the way of everlasting salvation; that by Thy grace he may both desire

tum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

those things that are p
ing to Thee, and pe
them with all his stre
Through Christ our

R. Amen.

For the Brothers, the Sisters, and the Benefactors of Congregation who are deceased.

Ant. Si iniquitates.

Ant. If iniquities.

Psalm cxxix.

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?

Quia apud te propitiatio est, et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus: speravit anima mea in Domino.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem, speravit anima mea in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia, et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

Out of the depths
I cried unto Thee, O
Lord, hear my voice.

O, let Thine ears
sider well: the voi
my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord,
mark iniquities: Lor
shall abide it?

For with Thee th
propitiation: and be
of Thy law I have w
for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath wait
His word: my soul
hoped in the Lord.

From the morning
even until night: l
rael hope in the Lor

For with the Lord
is mercy: and with H
plenteous redemptio

And He shall r
Israel: from all his i
ties.

Requiem æternam.

Ant. Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?

V. Kyrie eleison.

R. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c. (*Dicitur totum secreto.*)

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. A porta inferi.

R. Erue, Domine, animas eorum.

V. Requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus veniæ largitor, et humanæ salutis amator: quæsumus clementiam tuam; ut nostræ Congregationis Fratres, Sorores, et benefactores, qui ex hoc sæculo transierunt, beata

Eternal rest.

Ant. If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, &c. (*All in secret.*)

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, bountiful in forgiving, and lovingly desirous of man's salvation; we humbly beseech Thy mercy in behalf of the Brothers, Sisters, and benefactors of our Congregation who have

Maria semper Virgine intercedente cum omnibus Sanctis tuis, ad perpetuæ beatitudinis consortium pervenire concedas. Per Christum Dominum, &c.	passed from this world, that, through the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, and all the Saints, Thou wouldst permit them to come to the full participation of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord, &c.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
V. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine.	*V.* Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.
R. Et lux perpetua tua luceat eis.	*R.* And let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. Requiescant in pace.	*V.* May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

The Father Director then gives the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if he has authority from the Bishop of the diocese; if not, he gives benediction with the crucifix, saying:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V.* Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	*R.* From henceforth, now, and for ever.
Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti + descendat super vos, et maneat semper.	May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, + descend upon you, and remain always with you.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

SENTENCES OR SAINTS OF THE MONTH.

Saints or Sentences of the Month is the name given here to the tickets that bear the name of a Saint, a virtue of this Saint, a sentence on this virtue, and a particular intention for which it is recommended to pray. These tickets are distributed every month in the assemblies of the Brothers and Sisters. At the conclusion of the prayers of the assembly, the Brother Rector leaves his place,—followed by the Assistant on his right, the Master or Mistress of the Novices on the left, and the other Brothers or Sisters walking two and two, modestly and in silence, according to their rank, dignity, or profession,—and kneels before the rails of the sanctuary, behind which is the Father Director with the tickets of the Saints of the month, which he distributes as soon as the Brothers or Sisters present themselves. In order to derive benefit from this salutary practice, the Brothers and Sisters must endeavour to observe what follows:

1. As soon as their Saint has been chosen, they shall place themselves under his protection, and make a solemn engagement with him to honour him in a special manner during the whole month.

2. They shall read his life at the beginning of the month, in order to excite in themselves the love of God, contempt of the world, the practice of virtues and good works, and to choose from the virtues of the Saint that which is most in accordance with their state and requirements.

3. They shall fix on two periods during the day, the one longer, the other shorter, to honour him. During the former they shall invoke him to aid them in practising carefully that one among his virtues which God

has moved them to imitate, and they shall commend to him the particular intention for which they have been charged to pray. They shall also meditate upon the virtues of the Saint and the graces which God has bestowed upon him, endeavouring to humble themselves by reflecting on their own misery, sloth, coldness, and unbelief in comparison with God's graces. They shall call to mind that, if they are not saints themselves, it is their own fault, since they have had the same means of sanctification as the Saints; that they are not of another nature, and have not more difficulties to overcome than the Saints had.

4. On the day of the month upon which the Festival of the Saint falls, they shall unite with the intention of the Church to honour such Saint in an especial manner, and to ask from God, under his patronage, the same dispositions with which he had, during life, been favoured. They shall endeavour on that day to receive Holy Communion, and to assist at the offices celebrated in certain churches in honour of the Saint.

PRAYER TO THE SAINT OF THE MONTH.

O great Saint, who hast happily fulfilled thy pilgrimage in this world of trial, and art now in the enjoyment of the delights of glory in the kingdom of heaven; vouchsafe to obtain for me the grace of imitating thy virtues, and especially of despising, as thou didst, the goods of this world, which are more apparent than real, and more transitory than durable, so that I may be joined only to the true Spouse of souls, to Jesus, who is the Truth, the Way, and the Life, and in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom, of knowledge, and of goodness. Thou knowest the number and the power of the enemies of my soul, the weakness of my virtue, *and the* strength of my evil inclinations. O great Saint, who hast encountered the same dangers that I have, and hast known how, by the grace of Jesus Christ, to avoid them; vouchsafe, if it be thy pleasure, to defend me. Commend me to Jesus, my Divine Pastor; implore Him to carry me in His arms, and to bear me in His adorable Heart, so that I may ever continue faithful to Him, ever love Him, and live always as in His presence; pray that He may enrich me with His graces, and that in Him, with Him, and by Him, I may do penance for my sins, and merit, by the entire sacrifice of myself, to see and possess Him eternally in heaven. Amen.

Or this:

Great Saint, who hath been given to me for protector, patron, and model, after Jesus Christ; offer me to Him, to whom thou offeredst thyself during thy life, as a victim of religion and penitence; obtain for me the grace to be faithful in sanctifying myself henceforth to the glory and will of God, in order that at the moment of my death I may be a victim agreeable in His sight, which may be offered to Him, sacrificed and consecrated by Jesus Christ, in a blessed eternity. Amen.

GENERAL ABSOLUTION AND PAPAL BENEDICTION.

According to the catalogue of Indulgences, the Tertiaries may, in the assemblies or in private, receive general absolution from the Father Visitor, the Father Director, or any other priest specially authorised for that purpose, on all the chief Festivals of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin, on the Festivals of All Saints, St. Peter and St. Paul Apostles, the Seraphic Father St. Francis, St. Clare of Assisi, and St. Catherine Virgin and Martyr, every day in Holy Week, once during life, at the choice of each Tertiary, and in the article of death; also, on the days which they may choose, they may receive four times yearly the same general absolution with the Papal Benediction.

These absolutions are not sacramental; they remit all punishment due to divine justice for sins already pardoned, such as the censure in the Sacrament of Penance, but they do not remit the sin itself. They absolve also from the excommunications, suspensions, and irregularities which have been contracted through ignorance, or have been forgotten.

To remove all difficulty, the Superiors of the First Order specify all the Confessors appointed to give these absolutions in private, to whom the Tertiaries may apply.

No formula is prescribed under pain of invalidity. It is sufficient to use one which expresses the grace given, with the intention of applying it to its full extent. We will, however, indicate the formulæ generally used in the Order.

I.

MANNER OF GIVING GENERAL ABSOLUTION ON FESTIVALS.

The Father Director, in surplice and stole, after having imposed a penance, and caused the Confiteor *to be repeated, then says,* Misereatur, *&c.;* Indulgentiam, *&c.*

Dominus noster Jesus Christus per merita suæ sacratissimæ Passionis vos absolvat, et gratiam suam vobis infundat. Et ego auctoritate ipsius, et beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et Summorum

May our Lord Jesus Christ, through the merits of His most holy Passion, absolve thee and fill thee with His grace; and by His authority, and that of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and the Supreme

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Pontiffs, which is granted to our Order and to thee, and with which I am in this part commissioned, I absolve thee from every bond of the greater or lesser excommunication (suspension) and interdict, if thou shouldst have fallen into any, and restore thee to the union and participation of the faithful, and to the holy Sacraments of the Church. Likewise, by the same authority, I absolve thee from all transgressions against the vows, the rule, the constitutions, and admonitions of our Order; from all penances which may have been forgotten or neglected, and from all thy sins, committed through human frailty, ignorance, or malice, against God or thy neighbour; and I grant thee remission and plenary indulgence of all thy sins, confessed or forgotten, in as far as the keys of the Church extend; and restore thee to baptismal innocence. In the name of the Father, + and of the

Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.

Ite in pace et gratia Dei, et orate pro me.

Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. + Amen.

Go in peace, and in the grace of God, and pray for me.

In the confessional, the Priest may use this shorter formula:

Auctoritate apostolica mihi in hac parte commissa, absolvo te ab omnibus peccatis tuis, in quantum possum, et restituo te Sacramentis Ecclesiæ, et concedo tibi indulgentiam plenariam. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.

By the apostolic authority with which I am in this part commissioned, I absolve thee from all thy sins, as far as I have power, and restore thee to the Sacraments of the Church, and grant thee plenary indulgence. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. + Amen.

II.

MANNER OF GIVING GENERAL ABSOLUTION AND PAPAL BENEDICTION.

After having imposed the penance, and caused the Confiteor *to be repeated, the Priest says,* Misereatur, *&c.;* Indulgentiam, *&c.*

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, per merita suæ sacratissimæ Passionis, vos absolvat, et gratiam suam vobis infundat. Et ego, auctoritate ipsius et beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et Summorum Pontificum Ordini nostro,

May our Lord Jesus Christ, through the merits of His most holy Passion, absolve thee and fill thee with His grace; and by His authority, and that of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and the Supreme Pontiffs, which is

ac vobis concessa, et mihi in hac parte commissa, absolvo vos ab omni vinculo excommunicationis majoris vel minoris (suspensionis), et interdicti, si quod forte incurristis, et restituo vos unioni, et participationi fidelium, necnon sacrosanctis Ecclesiæ Sacramentis. Item eadem auctoritate absolvo vos ab omni transgressione votorum, et regulæ, constitutionum, ordinationum et admonitionum majorum nostrorum, ab omnibus pœnitentiis oblitis, seu etiam neglectis, et ab omnibus peccatis vestris, quibus contra Deum et proximum fragilitate humana, ignorantia, vel malitia deliquistis, concedens vobis, remissionem et indulgentiam plenariam omnium peccatorum vestrorum confessorum, et etiam cunctorum de quibus non recordamini, aut obliti fuistis, in quantum claves Ecclesiæ se extendunt, et restituo vos illi innocentiæ in qua eratis quando baptizati fuistis: et quomodo

granted to our Order and to thee, and with which I am in this part commissioned, I absolve thee from every bond of the greater or lesser excommunication (suspension) and interdict, if thou shouldst have fallen into any, and restore thee to the union and participation of the faithful, and to the holy Sacraments of the Church. Likewise, by the same authority, I absolve thee from all transgressions against the vows, the rule, the constitutions, the statutes, and admonitions of our Superiors; from all penances which may have been forgotten or neglected, and from all thy sins, committed through human frailty, ignorance, or malice, against God or thy neighbours; and I grant thee remission and plenary indulgence of all thy sins, confessed or forgotten, in as far as the keys of the Church extend, and restore thee to baptismal innocence; and by the same apostolic authority, and in the same manner

Sanctitas Domini nostri N. Papæ faceret, si ipsemet in confessione peccata vestra auscultaret; ac eadem auctoritate apostolica benedictionem papalem vobis impertior. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.

as if our holy Father the Pope N. were to hear thy confession, I give thee the Papal benediction. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. + Amen.

Ite in pace et gratia Dei, et orate pro me.

Go in peace, and in the grace of God, and pray for me.

This formula being rather long, the Confessors may use the following: After having pronounced the words of sacramental absolution, the Confessor says:

Auctoritate apostolica, mihi in hac parte commissa, benedictionem papalem tibi impertior, indulgentiamque plenariam tibi concedo. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.

By the apostolic authority with which I am in this part commissioned, I give thee the Papal benediction, and I grant thee plenary indulgence. In the name of the Father, +. and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. + Amen.

ANOTHER FORMULA.

Confiteor, &c.; Misereatur, &c.; Indulgentiam, &c.

Dominus noster Jesus Christus Filius Dei vivi, qui beato Petro Apostolo suo dedit potestatem ligandi atque solvendi, per suam piissimam misericordiam, recipiat confessionem vestram, et restituat

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who gave to blessed Peter the Apostle the power of binding and loosing, of His great mercy receive your confession, and restore to you the gar-

vobis stolam primam quam in baptismate recepistis: et ego facultate mihi ab Apostolica Sede tributa, indulgentiam plenariam, remissionem omnium peccatorum, et benedictionem papalem vobis concedo. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.	ment which you received at your baptism; and I, by the faculty granted to me by the Apostolic See, grant to you plenary indulgence, remission of all your sins, and the Papal benediction. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost, &c. + Amen.
Per sacrosancta humanæ reparationis mysteria, remittat vobis omnipotens Deus, omnes præsentis ac futuræ vitæ pœnas, Paradisi portas aperiat, et ad gaudia sempiterna perducat. Amen.	Through the most sacred mysteries of man's redemption, may Almighty God remit to you all the pains of the present and the future life, open to you the gates of Paradise, and bring you to everlasting joys. Amen.
Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, + et Filius, + et Spiritus Sanctus. + ***R.* Amen.**	May Almighty God, Father, + and Son, + and Holy Ghost, + bless you. *R.* Amen.

ANOTHER FORMULA.

The Priest, kneeling at the foot of the altar, says:

***V.* Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.**	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
***R.* Qui fecit cœlum et terram.**	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.
***V.* Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine.**	*V.* O Lord, save Thy people.
***R.* Et benedic hæreditati tuæ.**	*R.* And bless Thine inheritance.

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

The Priest rises, and, still turned towards the altar, says:

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Omnipotens et misericors Deus, da nobis auxilium de sancto, et vota populi hujus in humilitate cordis veniam peccatorum poscentis, tuamque benedictionem præstolantis et gratiam, clementer exaudi: dexteram tuam super eum benignus extende, ac plenitudinem divinæ benedictionis effunde, qua bonis omnibus cumulatus, felicitatem et vitam consequatur æternam. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.	Almighty and merciful God, grant us help from Thy sanctuary, and mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, seeking in all humility the pardon of their sins, and waiting for Thy benediction and grace: graciously extend Thy right hand over them, and pour forth the fulness of Thy benediction, that being filled with all blessings, they may obtain everlasting happiness in the life to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Afterwards the Priest ascends the highest step of the altar, and standing on the Epistle side, turns towards the congregation, and says in a loud voice:

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, + et Filius, + et Spiritus Sanctus. +	May Almighty God, the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Ghost, + bless you.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

N.B. This form was prescribed by Benoît XIV. in his Encyclical Letter to all the chiefs of the Religious

Orders, *Exemplis prædecessorum nostrorum*, on the 19th March 1748, for the Pontifical benediction.

III.

Manner of giving General Absolution at the Article of Death.

The Priest, on entering the chamber of the sick person, says :

Pax huic domui, et omnibus habitantibus in ea.	Peace be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

And then, sprinkling with holy water, says :

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, &c.	Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, &c.

Afterwards he moves the sick person to contrition, reminds her of the efficacy of the indulgence about to be granted to her, and exhorts her to patience, to conformity to the will of God, &c. After which the Priest says :

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V*. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R*. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Ne reminiscaris, Domine, delicta famuli tui (vel famulæ tuæ), neque vindictam sumas de peccatis ejus.	Remember not, O Lord, the offences of Thy servant, neither take Thou vengeance of his (or her) sins.
V. Kyrie eleison.	*V*. Lord, have mercy.
R. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.	*R*. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster, &c. (*Totum secreto.*)	Our Father, &c. (*All in secret.*)
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V*. And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R*. But deliver us from evil.

V. Salvum (salvam) fac servum tuum (vel ancillam tuam).	*V.* Save Thy servant.
R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.	*R.* Who hopeth in Thee, O my God.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Clementissime Deus, Pater misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui neminem vis perire in te credentem, atque sperantem; secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum respice propitius famulum tuum, quem (vel ancillam tuam quam) tibi vera fides et spes christiana commendant. Visita eum (vel eam) in salutari tuo, et per Unigeniti tui Passionem et mortem, omnium ei delictorum suorum remissionem et veniam clementer indulge; ut ejus anima in hora exitus *sui te judicem* propitiatum *inveniat, et* in sanguine	O most gracious God, Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, who wouldest not that any should perish who believe and hope in Thee; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, look favourably upon Thy servant, whom a true Christian faith and hope commend unto Thee. Visit him (or her) in Thy salvation; and through the Passion and death of Thy only-begotten Son, graciously grant unto him (or her) the pardon and remission of all his (or her) sins; that his (or her) soul at the hour of its departure may find in Thee a most merciful

ejusdem Filii tui ab omni macula abluta, transire ad vitam mereatur perpetuam. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Judge, and, cleansed from every stain in the blood of Thy Son, may be translated to everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confiteor, &c.; Misereatur, &c.; Indulgentiam, &c.

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, Filius Dei vivi; qui beato Petro Apostolo suo dedit potestatem ligandi atque solvendi, per suam piissimam misericordiam recipiat confessionem tuam, et remittat tibi omnia peccata quomodocumque commissa, restituens tibi stolam primam quam in baptismate recepisti; et per indulgentiam plenariam a Summis Pontificibus, nostratibus in articulo mortis constitutis, concessam, liberet te a præsentis ac futuræ vitæ pœnis; dignetur purgatorii cruciatus remittere, portas inferi claudere, paradisi januam aperire, teque ad gaudia sempiterna perducere, per sacratissima suæ vitæ, passionis et *glorificationis*

May our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who gave to His blessed Apostle Peter the power of binding and loosing, in His most loving mercy receive thy confession, and restore to thee that first robe which thou didst receive in baptism; and through the plenary indulgence of the Supreme Pontiffs granted to us in the article of death, may He free thee from the penalties of the present and future life; may He vouchsafe to remit the pains of purgatory, to shut the gates of hell, to open the door of paradise, and to bring thee to everlasting joy, through the most sacred mysteries of His life, passion, and glorification. Who with

mysteria. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto Deus unus vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.
Benedicat te omnipotens Deus, Pater, + et Filius, + et Spiritus Sanctus. +	May the Almighty God, Father, + and Son, + and Holy Ghost, + bless thee.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

In case of necessity, after having caused the Confiteor *to be recited, the Priest may say only,* Misereatur, *&c.;* Indulgentiam, *&c.*

Auctoritate Sedis Apostolicæ mihi pro nunc commissa, concedo tibi plenariam remissionem peccatorum tuorum, in nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.	By the authority of the Apostolic See with which I am now commissioned, I grant thee full remission of thy sins, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. + Amen.

ANOTHER FORMULA OF GENERAL ABSOLUTION FOR THE ARTICLE OF DEATH.

An assistant having recited the Confiteor, *the Priest says,* Misereatur, *&c.;* Indulgentiam, *&c.; and then:*

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, per merita suæ sacratissimæ Passionis te absolvat, et gratiam suam tibi infundat; et ego auctoritate ipsius, ac beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et Summorum Pon-	May our Lord Jesus Christ, through the merits of His most holy Passion, absolve thee and fill thee with His grace; and by His authority, and also by that of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of

tificum, mihi in hac parte commissa et tibi concessa, absolve te ab omni vinculo excommunicationis majoris, vel minoris si quod incurristi, et restituo te unioni et participationi Fidelium, necnon sanctis sacramentis Ecclesiæ. Item eadem auctoritate ego te absolvo ab omnibus peccatis tuis, tibique relaxo omnes pœnas purgatorii, quas pro peccatis commissis meruisti, concedens tibi remissionem et indulgentiam plenariam omnium peccatorum tuorum, et restituo te illi statui innocentiæ in quo eras quando baptizatus fuisti. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, + et Spiritus Sancti. + Amen.

Quod si hac vice non discesseris, reservo tibi hanc gratiam usque ad extremum mortis tuæ articulum.

the Supreme Pontiffs, with which I am in this part commissioned, and which is granted to thee, I absolve thee from every bond of the greater or lesser excommunication, if thou shouldst have fallen into any, and I restore thee to the union and participation of the faithful, and to the holy sacraments of the Church. Also, by the same authority, I absolve thee from all thy sins, and relieve thee from all the pains of purgatory, which thou hast deserved for thy sins; and I grant to thee remission and plenary indulgence of all thy sins, and restore thee to baptismal innocence. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Ghost. + Amen.

And, if thou keepest in this disposition, I reserve this grace for thee, even to the last moment of thy life.

PRAYERS AND LITANIES

FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS.[1]

PRAYERS DURING DISCIPLINE.

Psalm l. *Miserere.*

Miserere mei Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.	1 Have mercy upon me, O God: according to Thy great mercy.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.	2 And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies: blot out my iniquity.
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.	3 Wash me yet more from my iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin.
Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.	4 For I acknowledge my iniquity: and my sin is always before me.
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.	5 Against Thee only have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.	6 For behold, I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta	7 For behold, Thou hast loved truth: the uncertain

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[1] From the Constitutions of Calais, art. ii.

sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiam: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

Ne projicias, me a facie tua: et Spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.

Redde mihi lætitiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.

Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ: et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.

and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest unto me.

8 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

9 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: and the bones that were humbled shall rejoice.

10 Turn away Thy face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

12 Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.

13 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

14 I will teach the unjust Thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted unto Thee.

15 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation and my tongue shall exto

Domine, labia mea aperies: et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies.

Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, oblationes, et holocausta: tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

Ne reminiscaris, Domine, delicta nostra, vel parentum nostrorum: neque vindictam sumas de peccatis nostris.

Ant. Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

Thy justice.

16 Thou shalt op lips, O Lord: an mouth shall declar praise.

17 For if Thou desired sacrifice, I surely have given it burnt-offerings Tho not be delighted.

18 The sacrifice is an afflicted spi contrite and humble O God, Thou wilt n spise.

19 Deal favoural Lord, in Thy goo with Sion: that the of Jerusalem may b up.

20 Then shalt Th cept the sacrifice of j oblations, and whole offerings: then sha lay calves upon thi tars.

21 Remember n Lord, our offence those of our Fa neither take Thou geance of our sins.

Ant. Christ was for us obedient unto even the death c cross.

Oremus.	**Let us pray.**
Respice, quæsumus, Domine, super hanc familiam tuam, pro qua Dominus noster Jesus Christus non dubitavit manibus tradi nocentium, et crucis subire tormentum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.	Look down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and to endure the torments of the cross. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Deus, qui culpa offenderis pœnitentia placaris: preces populi tui supplicantis propitius respice; et flagella tuæ iracundiæ, quæ pro peccatis nostris meremur, averte.	O God, who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thine anger, which we deserve for our sins.
Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat ei.	Eternal rest give to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.	May he rest in peace. Amen.
Pater noster, Ave Maria.	Our Father, Hail Mary.

LITANY OF ST. FRANCIS.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Kyrie eleison.		Lord, have mercy upon us.	
Christe audi nos.		Christ, hear us.	
Christe exaudi nos.		*Christ, graciously hear us.*	
Pater de cœlus Deus,	*Miserere nobis.*	God the Father of heaven,	*Have mercy upon us.*
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus,		God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	
Spiritus Sancte Deus,		God the Holy Ghost,	
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus,		Holy Trinity, one God,	
S. Maria Immaculatæ Conceptionis,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary, of Immaculate Conception,	*Pray for us.*
Sancte Francisce, Seraphice,		St. Francis the Seraphic,	
S. Francisce, pater prudentissime,		St. Francis, most prudent Father,	
S. Francisce, initium totius Ordinis Franciscani,		St. Francis, commencement of all the Franciscan Orders,	
S. Francisce, patriarcha pauperum,		St. Francis, patriarch of the poor,	
S. Francisce, despiciens mundum,		St. Francis, despiser of the world,	
S. Francisce, exemplum pœnitentiæ,		St. Francis, model of penance,	
S. Francisce, vincens mundi vitia,		St. Francis, conqueror of the vices of the world,	
S. Francisce, imitator Salvatoris,		St. Francis, imitator of the Saviour,	
S. Francisce, ferens Christi stigmata,		St. Francis, bearer of the marks of Christ,	
S. Francisce, Jesu cha-		St. Francis, sealed with	

racteribus insignite,	*Ora pro nobis.*	the character of Jesus,	*Pray for us.*
S. Francisce, norma castitatis,		St. Francis, rule of purity,	
S. Francisce, forma humilitatis,		St. Francis, model of humility,	
S. Francisce, florens gratiâ,		St. Francis, abounding in grace,	
S. Francisce, via errantium,		St. Francis, the way of the erring,	
S. Francisce, modela infirmorum,		St. Francis, model of the weak,	
S. Francisce, columna Ecclesiæ,		St. Francis, pillar of the Church,	
S. Francisce, fidei defensor,		St. Francis, defender of the faith,	
S. Francisce, athleta Christi,		St. Francis, champion of Christ,	
S. Francisce, propugnaculum militantium,		St. Francis, defence to those who fight,	
S. Francisce, scutum inexpugnabile,		St. Francis, invulnerable shield,	
S. Francisce, expugnator hæreticorum,		St. Francis, confounder of heretics,	
S. Francisce, conversio paganorum,		St. Francis, converter of pagans,	
S. Francisce, erigens claudos,		St. Francis, who made the lame to walk,	
S. Francisce, suscitans mortuos,		St. Francis, raiser of the dead,	
S. Francisce, mundans leprosos,		St. Francis, healer of the leprous,	
S. Francisce, advocate civitatis nostræ,		St. Francis, advocate of our congregation,	

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Parce nobis, Domine.	*Spare us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Exaudi nos, Domine.	*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Miscrere nobis.	*Have mercy upon us.*
Christe audi nos.	Christ, hear us.
Christe exaudi nos.	*Christ, graciously hear us.*
V. Visita prolem tuam miseram, beate Pater Francisce.	*V.* Visit thy unfortunate children, blessed Father Francis.
R. Eam a somno mortis excita.	*R.* Rouse them from the sleep of death.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui ecclesiam tuam, beati Francisci meritis, fœtu novæ prolis amplificas; tribue nobis, ex ejus imitatione, terrene despicere et cœlestium donorum semper participationi gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.	O God, who by the merits of blessed Francis, dost increase Thy Church by a new progeny; grant us, by imitating him, to despise earthly things, and ever to rejoice in the participation of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

LITANY OF ST. ANTONY OF PADUA.

Kyrie eleison.		Lord, have mercy upon us.	
Christe eleison.		*Christ, have mercy upon us.*	
Kyrie eleison.		Lord, have mercy upon us.	
Sancta Maria, sine peccato concepta,		Holy Mary, conceived without sin,	
Sancte Antoni, sacrarium divinæ sapientiæ,		St. Antony, sanctuary of divine wisdom,	
S. Antoni, speculum obedientæ,		St. Antony, mirror of obedience,	
S. Antoni, penitentiæ exemplar,		St. Antony, example of penitence,	
S. Antoni, perfectionum exemplar,		St. Antony, example of perfection,	
S. Antoni, Minorum gloria,	*Ora pro nobis.*	St. Antony, glory of the Brothers Minor,	*Pray for us.*
S. Antoni, innocentium defensor,		St. Antony, protector of the innocent,	
S. Antoni, consolator afflictorum,		St. Antony, comforter of the afflicted,	
S. Antoni, dæmonum terror,		St. Antony, terror of demons,	
S. Antoni, infirmorum curator,		St. Antony, healer of the sick,	
S. Antoni, cæcorum illuminator,		St. Antony, light to the blind,	
S. Antoni, captivorum liberator,		St. Antony, liberator of captives,	
S. Antoni, prodigiis ac miraculis illustris,		St. Antony, renowned in miracles and prodigies,	
S. Antoni, omnium te invocantium adjutor,		St. Antony, helper of all who invoke thee,	

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Parce nobis, Domine.	*Spare us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Exaudi nos, Domine.	*Hear us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Miserere nobis.	*Have mercy on us.*
Christe audi nos.	Christ, hear us.
Christe exaudi nos.	*Christ, graciously hear us.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy on us.*
V. Ora pro nobis, beati Antoni.	*V.* Pray for us, blessed St. Antony.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Ecclesiam tuam, Deus, beati Antoni confessoris tui solemnitas votiva lætificiet, ut spiritualibus semper muniatur auxiliis, et gaudiis perfrui mereatur æternis. Amen.	May the votive solemnity of the blessed Antony, Thy confessor, give joy to Thy Church, O God, that it may be ever defended by spiritual assistance and deserve to possess eternal joys. Amen.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS OF THE THREE ORDERS OF OUR SERAPHIC FATHER ST. FRANCIS.

Kyrie eleison.		Lord, have mercy upon us.	
Christe eleison.		*Christ, have mercy upon us.*	
Kyrie eleison.		Lord, have mercy upon us.	
Christe audi nos.		Christ, hear us.	
Christe exaudi nos.		*Christ, graciously hear us.*	
Pater de cœlis Deus,	*Miserere nobis.*	God the Father of heaven,	*Have mercy upon us.*
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus,		God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	
Spiritus Sancte Deus,		God the Holy Ghost,	
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus,		Holy Trinity, One God,	
Sanctissime nomen Jesu,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Most Holy Name of Jesus,	*Pray for us.*
Sancta Maria, sine peccata concepta,		Holy Mary, conceived without sin,	
Sancta Dei Genitrix,		Holy Mary, Mother of God,	
Sancta Virgo virginum,		Holy Virgin of virgins,	
Sancta Maria, Regina Angelorum,		Holy Mary, Queen of Angels,	
Sancta Maria, Seraphici Ordinis Mater,		Holy Mary, Mother of the Seraphic Order,	
Sancte Michael,		St. Michael,	
S. Gabriel,		St. Gabriel,	
S. Raphael,		St. Raphael,	

Omnes sancti angeli et archangeli,		All holy angels and archangels,	
Orate pro nobis.			
S. Joseph, sponse Virginis intemerata,		St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin untouched,	
S. Joachim, pater Virginis superamabilis,		St. Joachim, father of the most amiable Virgin,	
Omnes sancti patriarchæ,		All holy patriarchs,	
Orate pro nobis.			
S. Francisce, Minorum patriarcha, cum sociis suis,	*Ora pro nobis.*	St. Francis, patriarch of the Brothers Minor, with his companions,	*Pray for us.*
S. Francisce, sanctimonialium pater,		St. Francis, patriarch of the religious,	
S. Francisce, pœnitentium parens,		St. Francis, patriarch of penitents,	
S. Daniel,		St. Daniel,	
S. Angele,		St. Angel,	
S. Samuel,		St. Samuel,	
S. Donule,		St. Donule,	
S. Leo,		St. Leo,	
S. Hugoline,		St. Hugolin,	
S. Nicola,		St. Nicholas,	
S. Bernarde,		St. Bernard,	
S. Petre,		St. Peter,	
S. Accurti,		St. Accurtius,	
S. Adjute,		St. Adjut,	
S. Otho,		St. Otho,	
S. Petre Baptista, Japonensium protomartyr,		St. Peter Baptist, protomartyr of Japan,	

tine,	*Ora pro nobis.*	St. Martin,	*Pray for us.*
ncisce,		St. Francis,	
lippe,		St. Philip,	
disalve,		St. Gonzalve,	
ncisce,		St. Francis,	
le,		St. Paul,	
riel,		St. Gabriel,	
nnes,		St. John,	
ncisce,		St. Francis,	
ma,		St. Thomas,	
chim,		St. Joachim,	
aventura,		St. Bonaventura,	
,		St. Leo,	
ma,		St. Thomas,	
tine,		St. Martin,	
oni,		St. Antony,	
lovici,		St. Louis,	
le,		St. Paul,	
hael,		St. Michael,	
re,		St. Peter,	
ma,		St. Cosma,	
ncisce,		St. Francis,	
sancti martyres,		All ye holy martyrs,	
pro nobis.			
aventura,		St. Bonaventura,	
sancti doctores,		All ye holy doctors,	
pro nobis.			
lovici,		St. Louis,	
aventura,		St. Bonaventura,	
sancti ponti- ,		All ye holy pontiffs,	
pro nobis.			
oni,		St. Antony,	
nardine,		St. Bernardin,	
be,		St. Jacob,	

S. Joannes,	*Ora pro nobis.*	St. John,	*Pray for us.*
S. Petre,		St. Peter,	
S. Bernardine,		St. Bernardin,	
Omnes sancti prædicatores,		All ye holy missionaries,	
Orate pro nobis.			
S. Didace,		St. Didacins,	
S. Salvator,		St. Saviour,	
S. Paschalis,		St. Pascal,	
S. Felix,		St. Felix,	
S. Guido,		St. Guy,	
Omnes sancti confessores,		All ye holy confessors,	
Orate pro nobis.			
S. Ludovici,		St. Louis,	
S. Elzeari,		St. Elzear,	
S. Roche,		St. Roch,	
S. Yvo,		St. Ives,	
S. Conrade,		St. Conrad,	
S. Lucide,		St. Lucid,	
Omnes sancti pœnitentes,		All ye holy penitents,	
Orate pro nobis.			
Sancta Anna, mater Virginis admirabilis,		St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin,	
S. Clara,		St. Clare,	
S. Catherina,		St. Catherine,	
S. Elizabeth,		St. Elizabeth,	
S. Colleta,		St. Collette,	
S. Clara,		St. Clare,	
S. Margarita,		St. Margaret,	
S. Elizabeth,		St. Elizabeth,	
S. Rosa,		St. Rose,	
S. Ludovica,		St. Louisa,	
S. Viridiana,		St. Viridin,	

isca,	St. Frances,
iliana,	St. Humilian,
a,	St. Helen,
lla,	St. Isabella,
,	St. Lucy,
ina,	St. Dephinia,
ea,	St. Salome,
tta,	St. Brigit,
la,	St. Angela,
Ora pro nobis.	*Pray for us.*
anctæ virginis et ,	All ye holy virgins and widows,
o nobis.	
ancti et sanc- i,	All ye holy saints of God,
te pro nobis.	*Intercede for us.*
ei, qui tollis pec- undi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
bis, Domine.	*Spare us, O Lord.*
ei, qui tollis pec- undi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
nos, Domine.	*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
ei, qui tollis pec- undi,	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
nobis.	*Have mercy on us.*
os sancti Dei in- i estis menti sim- anciscum imitati, hic fervidi et in acidi simus et nos	*Ant.* O all ye blessed of God, who have imitated Francis in the simplicity of your hearts, and now share his glory; obtain for us the same favour here

V. Æterna fac nos, Domine, cum sanctis tuis.

R. In gloria numerari.

Oremus.

Devotionem nostram, quæsumus, Domine, gratia sancta tua reddat salutarem; ut quos Sanctorum, Martyrum, Doctorum, Pontificum, Prædicatorum, Confessorum, Pœnitentium, Virginum, ac Viduarum, seraphici Patris nostri Sancti Francisci filiorum, sexus utrius que commemoratio, votiva lætificat, eorum intercedentibus meritis, gratiam perseverantem in præsenti, et æternam in cœlis gloriam consequamur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

below, and the same happiness in eternity.

V. Grant, Lord, that we may be of the number of Thine elect.

R. In eternal glory.

Let us pray.

Shed, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the abundance of Thy grace on our devotion, that the pious commemoration we make of all the children of our seraphic Father Francis placed in the list of Saints, or of blessed Martyrs, Doctors, Pontiffs, Missionaries, Confessors, Penitents, Virgins, and Widows, may gladden our hearts, and obtain for us, through their intercession, eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY.

This Litany is the one daily said by the Tertiaries at Lyons.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*

eleison.		Lord, have mercy.	
eleison.		*Lord, have mercy.*	
e audi nos.		Christ, hear us.	
e exaudi nos.		*Christ, graciously hear us.*	
de cœlis Deus,	*Miserere nobis.*	God the Father of heaven,	*Have mercy upon us.*
Redemptor mundi us,		God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	
us Sancte Deus,		God the Holy Ghost,	
a Trinitas, unus us,		Holy Trinity, one God,	
a Maria, Mater ericordiæ,	*Ora pro nobis.*	Holy Mary, Mother of mercy,	*Pray for us.*
a Elizabeth, ma- pauperum,		Holy Elizabeth, mother of the poor,	
izabeth, Deum ti- ns ab infantia,		St. Elizabeth, who feared God from thy youth,	
lizabeth, Dei cul- x ferventissima,		St. Elizabeth, most fervent in devotion,	
lizabeth, dilecto u discipulo de- ta,		St. Elizabeth, devout and beloved disciple of Jesus,	
Elizabeth, beati ancisci imitatrix,		St. Elizabeth, imitator of blessed Francis,	
lizabeth, genere et e nobilissima,		St. Elizabeth, of noblest faith and birth,	
lizabeth, omnibus tatis officiis dedita,		St. Elizabeth, devoted to all pious offices,	
lizabeth, in ora- ne et contempla- ne pernoctans,		St. Elizabeth, whose nights were spent in prayer and contemplation,	
Elizabeth, divinis		St. Elizabeth, who was	

visionibus sæpius consolata,	*Ora pro nobis.*	consoled with heavenly visions,	*Pray for us.*
S. Elizabeth, Deo et hominibus amabilis,		St. Elizabeth, beloved of God and man,	
S. Elizabeth, mundi contemptrix admirabilis,		St. Elizabeth, full of contempt of this world,	
S. Elizabeth, paupertatis, castitatis, et obedientiæ exemplar,		St. Elizabeth, example of poverty, chastity, and obedience,	
S. Elizabeth, conjugatorum solatium,		St. Elizabeth, solace of thy husband,	
S. Elizabeth, viduarum speculum,		St. Elizabeth, mirror of widows,	
S. Elizabeth, pœnitentiæ et humilitatis horma,		St. Elizabeth, holocaust of penance and humility,	
S. Elizabeth, mirabili mansuetudine prædita,		St. Elizabeth, admirable preacher of meekness,	
S. Elizabeth, regiæ patris domus delicias aspernata,		St. Elizabeth, despiser of the luxuries of thy regal house,	
S. Elizabeth, Crucis Christi amatrix,		St. Elizabeth, lover of the Cross of Christ,	
S. Elizabeth, piarum mulierum lumen,		St. Elizabeth, light of all pious women,	
S. Elizabeth, orphanorum nutrix,		St. Elizabeth, nourisher of orphans,	
S. Elizabeth, misericordiæ operibus perpetuo intenta,		St. Elizabeth, always intent on works of mercy,	
S. Elizabeth, omnium desolationum conso-		St. Elizabeth, consoler of all sorrows,	

th, facultates auperibus e-	St. Elizabeth, teacher of the poor,
eth, a sub- uriis et con- affecta,	St. Elizabeth, seeker of contumely and affronts,
eth, propin- ope destitua,	St. Elizabeth, distributor of thy riches to thy poor neighbours,
h, in adver- ntissima,	St. Elizabeth, patient in adversity,
h, lanam et ro pauperi- iendis ope-	St. Elizabeth, maker of vestments for the poor,
th, peregri- et infirmo- pita,	St. Elizabeth, hospitable receiver of pilgrims and sick,
eth, egeno- nium suble-	St. Elizabeth, succour of the needy,
h, dæmoni- idablis,	St. Elizabeth, formidable to demons,
th, perfec- iritualis ex-	St. Elizabeth, example of all spiritual perfection,
h, vanis et conversio- mino impe-	St. Elizabeth, repressor of all vain and dissolute conversation,
th, angelo- certum in udiens,	St. Elizabeth, cheered by angel choruses in thy last agony,
, in vita et	St. Elizabeth, miracu-
Ora pro nobis.	*Pray for us.*

in morte miraculis conspicua,	lous in life as death,
S. Elizabeth, devotis tuis misericorditer subveniens,	St. Elizabeth, helper our devotions,
S. Elizabeth, æterna beatitudine perfruens,	St. Elizabeth, partak of eternal joys,
Ora pro nobis.	
S. Elizabeth, patrona nostra dulcissima,	St.Elizabeth,our swe est patron,
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who away the sins o world,
Parce nobis, Domine.	*Spare us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who away the sins o world,
Exaudi nos, Domine.	*Graciously hear Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who away the sins world,
Miserere nobis.	*Have mercy on us.*
V. Ora pro nobis, beata mater Elizabeth.	*V.* Pray for us, b mother Elizabeth.
R. Ut digni, &c.	*R.* That we ma made worthy, &c.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus miserator illustra, et beatæ Elizabeth precibus gloriosis, fac nos prospera mundi despicere, et cœlesti	Enlighten, O G compassion, the hea Thy faithful servant through the glorious ers of blessed Eli

semper consolatione gaudere. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit, &c. Amen.	make us to despise the good things of this world, and ever to delight in the consolations of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE OF ST. FRANCIS.

V. Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus noster omnipotens : qui est, et qui erat et qui venturus est.	*V.* Holy, holy, holy, omnipotent Lord God, who is and was and is to come.
R. Et laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.	*R.* And let us praise and glorify Him for ever.
V. Dignus es, Domine Deus noster, accipere laudem, gloriam, et honorem et benedictionem.	*V.* Thou art worthy, O Lord our God, to receive praise, glory, honour, and benediction.
R. Et laudemus, &c.	*R.* And let us praise, &c.
V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium cum Sancto Spiritu.	*V.* Blessed be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
R. Et laudemus, &c.	*R.* And let us praise, &c.
V. Laudem dicite Deo omnes servi ejus, et qui timetis Deum, pusilli et magni.	*V.* Praise God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great.
R. Et laudemus, &c.	*R.* And let us praise, &c.
V. Laudent illum glo-	*V.* Praise Him in hea-

riosum cœli et terra, et omnia quæ in eis sunt.

R. Et laudemus, &c.

V. Gloria Patri, &c.

R. Et laudemus, &c.

V. Sicut erat in principio, &c.

R. Et laudemus, &c.

Oremus.

Omnipotens, sanctissime, altissime, et summe Deus, summum bonum, omne bonum, totum bonum, qui solus es bonus, tibi reddamus omnem laudem, omnem gloriam, omnem honorem, omnem benedictionem et omnia bona tibi referamus semper. Amen.

"Laus Domini Dei altissimi."

Tu es sanctus, Dominus Deus! Tu es Deus deorum, qui solus facis mirabilia. Tu es fortis, tu es magnus, tu es altissimus, tu es omnipotens. Tu es Pater Sanctus, Rex cœli et terra. Tu es Triunus

ven and earth, and in all that is therein.

R. And let us praise, &c.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. And let us praise, &c.

V. As it was in the beginning, &c.

R. And let us praise, &c.

Let us pray.

Omnipotent, holy, high, and mighty God, the fountain of all goodness, and who alone art good; to Thee we tender all praise, glory, honour, and benediction, and to Thee we refer all goodness, now and for ever. Amen.

"Glory to God in the highest."

Thou art holy, O Lord God! Thou art God of gods, who only doest wonderful things. Thou art strong, Thou art mighty, Thou art the highest, Thou art omnipotent. Thou art, Holy Father, King of

is Deus. Tu es bo-
omne bonum, sum-
bonum. Domine
unus et verus, tu es
et charitas, tu sapi-
tu humilitas, tu es
tia, tu es pulchri-
tu es securitas, tu
ies, tu es gaudium,
spes nostra et læ-
u es justitia et tem-
tia, tu es fortitudo et
ntia, tu es omnes di-
ad sufficiandum, tu
nsuetudo, tu es pro-
, tu es custos e de-
, tu es refugium nos-
et virtus, tu es fides,
t charitas nostra, tu
gna dulcedo nostra,
s bonitas infinita,
us et admirabilis Do-
Deus meus omnipo-
omnipotens, pius,
icor et Salvator.

nipotens, æterne,
et misericors Deus,
obis miseris, propter
ipsum semper facere
scimus te velle, et

heaven and earth. Thou art Trinity and Unity. Thou art goodness, all goodness, the perfection of goodness. O Lord God, one and only truth, Thou art love, Thou art charity, Thou art wisdom, Thou art humility, Thou art patience, Thou art chastity, Thou art safety, Thou art rest, Thou art joy, Thou art our hope and delight, Thou art justice and temperance, Thou art strength and prudence, Thou art all-sufficient riches, Thou art tenderness, Thou art our protector, Thou art our guardian and defender, Thou art our refuge and strength, Thou art our faith, hope, and love, Thou art our greatest sweetness, Thou art infinite goodness, O Thou mighty and admirable Lord God, my God and my all, omnipotent, holy, merciful Saviour.

Omnipotent, eternal, just, and merciful God, grant to us miserable sinners always to do what Thou willest and to will

semper velle quod tibi placet: ut interius mundati et illuminati et igne Sancti Spiritus accensi, possimus sequi vestigia dilectissimi Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi et ad te, Altissime, sola tua gratia feliciter pervenire, qui in Trinitate perfecta, et unitate simplici vivis et regnas et gloriosis Deus omnipotens, in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.[1]

what is most pleasing to Thee; so that, internally cleansed and illuminated and inflamed with the Spirit of God, we may follow in the steps of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and attain to eternal felicity through Thy mercy, O most Highest, who, in the Trinity in unity, livest and reignest, one God omnipotent, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis at the Beginning of his Conversion.

Magne et gloriose Deus et Domine Jesu Christi, illumina, oro te, tenebras mentes meæ. Da mihi fidem rectam, spem certam, et charitatem perfectam. Fac ut cognoscam te, Domine, ita ut ego in omnibus omnia secundum tuam sanctam et veram voluntatem perficiam. Amen.

Fiat in me, de me, circa me, et omnia mea dulcissima, suavissima, perfec-

Great and glorious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, illuminate, I beseech Thee, the darkness of my understanding. Grant me a right faith, a sure hope, and a perfect charity. Make me to know Thee, O God; so that in me and by me and in all ways, Thy holy and adorable will may be fulfilled. Amen.

Work in me, give me, and encircle me with Thy sweetest, gentlest, and

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[1] *Ex* opusc. S. Francisci, tom. i. 17.

tissima voluntas tua nunc et in æternum. Amen.	most perfect will, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer written by St. Francis himself for the Use of his Tertiaries.

O my God and my all, I beseech Thee let the most sweet and ardent force of Thy love absorb my soul from everything beneath the heavens; that I may die to the world for love of Thy love, who for love of my love didst vouchsafe to die on the wood of the Cross, O my God and my all!

Prayer for a Tertiary on her Religious Profession, by St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Translated by the Very Rev. Dr. Callan.

O Jesus, my Saviour and my God, how have I merited this singular favour, that while Thou hast left in the world so many innocent souls, Thou shouldst have chosen me, a sinner, for Thy spouse[1] [to live in Thy own house here on earth], that I might afterwards receive from Thee an eternal crown in heaven. O Lord, since Thou hast bestowed upon me so great a grace, grant me light to understand its value, and strength to be always grateful for it, and with my whole soul to correspond with the love which Thou hast borne me. Thou hast chosen me in preference to many others: it is my duty to prefer Thee to all. Thou hast given Thyself entirely to me: it is but just that I present my whole being to Thee, and that Thou be the sole object of all my love and of all my affections. Yes, my Jesus, I love Thee above all things; I desire to love Thee alone. Thou hast given Thyself to me without reserve; I offer myself entirely to Thee. I beseech Thee to accept this oblation, and not to refuse the affections of a heart that once loved creatures, and even preferred them before Thee, the Sovereign Good. Accept and preserve my soul and body. Without Thy assistance I can do nothing; without it I shall certainly betray Thee. Since Thou hast chosen me for Thy spouse, make me a faithful and grateful spouse. O sacred fire, burning in the Heart of Jesus, inflame my soul, and destroy in my heart every affection which is not for Him; make me live only to love this my amiable Spouse, who has given His life to be loved by me. O Mary, Mother of God, since I am the spouse of thy Son, thou art not only my queen, but my mother. And since it was by thy intercession that I have been detached from the world [conducted into this house of God], and made the spouse of thy Son, assist me now, and do not abandon me for ever. Grant that my life and death may be worthy the spouse of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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[1] The passages between brackets are for Tertiaries living in community.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE ON THE RULE;

WHICH MAY BE USED PREVIOUS TO RECEIVING THE GENERAL ABSOLUTION AND PAPAL BENEDICTION.

Place yourself in the presence of God, and endeavour to impress yourself with His holy presence.

Earnestly implore the Holy Ghost to enlighten you, that you may perform well the great duty you are about to enter upon.

Ask the assistance of our Blessed Lady, of our holy Father St. Francis, of your patrons, and of all the *Saints of* the Order.

1. Have I doubted of any article of Catholic faith? Have I taken all necessary pains to cherish a love of this holy faith in my heart, and reduce it to practice?

2. Have I taken sufficient pains to inform myself of the duties imposed upon me by the Rule? Have I done all that was required of me on being received into the Order? Have I satisfied the penances given me for transgressions against the Rule? Have I made restitution? Have I done all in my power to be reconciled to my neighbour? Have I entertained any wish to withdraw from the Order?

3. Though not required to conform to the letter of the Rule with respect to the habit, have I conformed to it in spirit, by adopting simplicity and modesty in dress? Have I been careful to wear the scapular and cord of the Order, not laying them aside unnecessarily? Has my comportment been such as would become the religious habit?

4. Have I avoided balls, theatres, and other places of public amusement not suited to my position as a member of the Order? Have I in any way encouraged such amusements, either by giving money or sanctioning others attending them? Have I been frivolous in my amusements?

5. Have I kept the fasts prescribed by the Rule, or have I obtained the necessary dispensation? Being dispensed, have I observed the spirit of the Rule in this respect, avoiding gluttony or over-delicacy, taking all things with becoming moderation? Have I been careful to ask the prescribed blessing before, and to return thanks after, my meals; or, having omitted to do so, have I said the three *Paters* required?

6. Have I endeavoured to cherish in my heart a desire for frequent communion, and been careful to communicate, by the advice of my director, on the fes-

tivals of the Saints of the Order, taking advantage of these occasions to implore them to assist me in being faithful to my Rule?

7. Have I armed myself with any weapon to resist any real or imaginary injury or insult? Have I done anything to bring about disagreement with my neighbour; or, being at variance, have I done all in my power to be reconciled with him? Have I avoided discussing vexed questions, such as are calculated to lead to angry differences?

8. Have I been exact as to time, and have I prepared myself for reciting the Office, or prayers substituted for it? Have I taken proper pains to be recollected, and said my Office with devotion, and not merely as a matter of form?

9. Have I made my will, as prescribed by the Rule? And done so with due regard to justice, so as not to expose my heirs to vexatious lawsuits?

10. Have I exercised due consideration for the feelings of others, avoiding anything calculated to vex or annoy them? Have I exercised my influence in reconciling others, and being reconciled myself? Have I been exacting of others?

11. Have I given cause for persecution by misconduct or imprudence? Have I forgiven those who have persecuted or annoyed me?

12. Have I given way to swearing; or, having done so from inadvertency or carelessness, have I repeated the three *Paters* prescribed by the Rule? Have I been moderate in my way of talking, or have I assumed a loud voice and imperious manner? Have I insisted doggedly upon any point?

13. Have I taken every reasonable opportunity of 'assisting at daily Mass, and the other offices of the Church, and done so on fasts, with due attention, en-

eavouring to impress myself with the great solemnity? Iave I assisted at the monthly assemblies, and offered lms according to my means?

14. Have I been careful to visit the sick members f the Order, offering them such consolation as I was ble? Have I assisted at the interment of such as have lied, and done what the Rule requires on behalf of deunct members? Have I prayed daily for the living nd dead members of the Order?

15, 16. Being elected to any office, have I accepted it umbly, and fulfilled the duties faithfully?

17. Have I been careful to avoid lawsuits or vexaious litigation, being willing to make some sacrifice for his end? Or, not being able to avoid litigation, have conducted it charitably, so as not to subject my adverary to unnecessary vexation?

18. Have I obtained dispensation from fasting withut real necessity, but from a spirit of immortification?

19. Being warned of my faults, have I received the dvice humbly, and endeavoured to correct my failings?

20. Though no omission or transgression against he Rule is a mortal or even a venial sin, unless it be pposed to the commandments of God or the Church, till have I, according to the spirit of the Order, cherished a love of obedience to these rules, being careful ot to do anything contrary to them?

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

As members of a Religious Order, we should endeavour to practise the three virtues characteristic of the religious life—poverty, obedience, and chastity—according to our state. As children of St. Francis, the great lover of poverty, we should labour hard to destroy in our hearts all attachment to riches and worldly honours. Every-day life will afford *us many* opportunities for this.

If God has put riches into our hands, we should dispense them liberally and cheerfully. If in the course of our daily transactions we are subject to losses, or are made to pay more than we think is quite just, we should not attach an undue importance to it, remembering that it is better to have less than more, and accepting the loss as a little sacrifice which we can offer up in thanksgiving to God through our holy Founder.

Prayer, alms, and mortification are three things we should practise daily. We should endeavour to remember that the omission of any one, so to speak, renders the others imperfect; so that we must practise them simultaneously. Our prayers should be fervent, constant, and universal; for every action should be seasoned by prayer. Our alms must be liberal according to our means; and if it is not in our power to give money, we can assist our neighbour in many ways, or we can, at least, always pray for him.

We must be generous in our mortifications, which we can practise without injuring our health or attracting notice. On this head we must consult our Director, who will best know what suits each individually.

The daily practice of these three virtues will help us much in the way of perfection, and will prevent our falling into the inconsistencies so frequently observed in pious persons, who are apt to attach themselves to some one of these to the exclusion of the other two.

It does not accord with our present object to expatiate at length upon our Rule, or the duties incumbent upon us as members of a religious order; but the above examination of conscience, with the remarks, will be sufficient to turn attention to this important subject, which each one will strive to apply to himself.[1]

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[1] Taken from the English *Third Order Manual*, published *by Burns & Co.*

Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The substitution of this for the Divine Office is permitted to Tertiaries by the eighth Statute, when precluded by charitable or home duties from saying the longer one.

LITTLE OFFICE
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

AT MATINS.

Preparation having been made, the President rings the bell, and begins the "Angelic Salutation," while the Brothers (or Sisters) stand:

Ave, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum.

The Choir continue:

Benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventris tui Jesus: Sancta María, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatóribus nunc et in hora mortis nostræ.

Amen.

The President, making the sign of the cross, intones the following Versicle:

Dómine, lábia mea apéries.

The Choir:

R. Et os meum annuntiábit laudem tuam.

The President, again making the sign of the cross, from the forehead to the breast, and raising his voice a little, adds:

V. Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde.

The Choir:

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

Bowing to the altar, they continue:

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto.

R. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Allelúia.

The "Alleluia" is said from Easter till the Vespers of the Saturday before the Sunday called Septuagesima. From Septuagesima till the Vespers of Holy Saturday inclusive, they say:

Laus tibi, Dómine, Rex ætérnæ glóriæ.

From Holy Saturday at Vespers till None of the Saturday before the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the "Alleluia" is added at the end of the Invitatory, of the Antiphons, the Versicles and Responses, as intimated by brackets, thus ( ).

After the Alleluia, or the "Laus tibi," &c., the Choir intone the Invitatory:

Ave, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

The Choir answer:

Ave, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

The Choir sing Psalm xciv.:

Veníte, exultémus Dómino, jubilémus Deo salutári nostro: præoccupémus fáciem ejus in confessióne, et in psalmis jubilémus ei.

The Choir:

Ave, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

Quóniam Deus magnus Dóminus,

et Rex magnus super omnes deos: quóniam non repéllet Dóminus plebem suam, quia in manu ejus sunt omnes fines terræ, et altitúdines móntium ipse cónspicit.

The Choir:

Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

Quóniam ipsíus est mare, et ipse fecit illud, et áridam fundavérunt manus ejus:

Here they kneel until the word "plorémus."

Veníte, adorémus, et procidámus ante Deum: plorémus coram Dómino, qui fecit nos, quia ipse est Dóminus Deus noster: nos autem pópulus ejus, et oves páscuæ ejus.

The Choir:

Ave, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

Hódie si vocem ejus audiéritis, nolíte obduráre corda vestra, sicut in exacerbatióne secúndum diem tentatiónis in desérto: ubi tentavérunt me patres vestri, probavérunt et vidérunt ópera mea.

The Choir:

Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

Quadragínta annis próximus fui generatióni huic, et dixi: Semper hi errant corde: ipsi vero non cognovérunt vias meas, quibus jurávi in ira mea, si introíbunt in réquiem meam.

The Choir:

Ave, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

Whilst the "Gloria Patri" is chanted, the Choristers and all the Choir turn and bow their heads towards the altar *till the* words, "Sicut erat," &c.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto: Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum.

Amen.

The Choir:

Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

Ave, María, grátia plena.

The Choir:

Dóminus tecum. (Allelúia.)

(On the Sundays of the Passion and Palm Sunday, and on the Feasts which fall in Holy Week, one omits the "Gloria Patri," and in its place the Choristers repeat:

Ave, María, grátia plena.

The Choir answer:

Dóminus tecum.)

The Choristers intone the Hymn, which is chanted alternately:

Hymn.

Quem terra, pontus, sídera
Colunt, adórant, prædicant,
Trinam regéntem máchinam
Claustrum Maríæ bájulat.
Cui luna, sol, et ómnia
Desérviunt per témpora,
Perfúsa cœli grátia
Gestant puéllæ víscera.
Beáta Mater, múnere
Cujus supérnus Artifex
Mundum pugíllo cóntinens,
Ventris sub arca clausus est.
Beáta cœli núntio,
Fœcúnda sancto Spíritu,
Desiderátus géntibus
Cujus per alvum fusus est.
Jesu, tibi sit glória,
Qui natus es de Vírgine,
Cum Patre, et almo Spíritu
In sempitérna sæcula.
Amen.

The three following Psalms are said on the Nocturn of *Sunday, Monday,* and Thursday.

The asterisk (*) in the verse of the Psalms shows the pause which must be made in the Chant.

The President:

Ant. Benedícta tu.

The Choristers then intone the Psalm, which is chanted alternately:

Psalm viii.

Dómine Dóminus noster, * quam admirábile est nomen tuum in univérsa terra!

Quóniam eleváta est magnificéntia tua * super cœlos.

Ex ore infántium et lacténtium perfecísti laudem propter inimícos tuos, * ut déstruas inimícum, et ultórem.

Quóniam vidébo cœlos tuos, ópera digitórum tuórum: * lunam, et stellas, quæ tu fundásti.

Quid est homo, quod memor es ejus? * aut fílius hóminis, quóniam vísitas eum?

Minuísti eum paulo minus ab Angelis, glória, et honóre coronásti eum : * et constituísti eum super ópera mánuum tuárum :

Omnia subjecísti sub pédibus ejus, * oves, et boves univérsas, ínsuper et pécora campi,

Vólucres cœli, et pisces maris * qui pérambulant sémitas maris.

Dómine Dóminus noster, * quam admirábile est nomen tuum in univérsa terra !

Glória Patri.

The first Chorister answers :

Benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventris tui. (Allel.)

The second Chorister :

Ant. Sicut myrrha.

Psalm xviii.

Cœli enárrant glóriam Dei, * et ópera mánum ejus annúntiat firmaméntum.

Dies diéi erúctat verbum ; * et nox nocti índicat sciéntiam.

Non sunt loquélæ, neque sermónes, * quorum non audiántur voces eórum.

In omnem terram exívit sonus eórum : * et in fines orbis terræ verba eórum.

In sole pósuit tabernáculum suum : * et ipse tamquam sponsus procédens de thálamo suo.

Exultávit ut gigas ad curréndam viam : * a summo cœlo egréssio ejus.

Et occúrsus ejus usque ad summum ejus : * nec est qui se abscóndat a calóre ejus.

Lex Dómini immaculáta, convértens ánimas : * testimónium Dómini fidéle, sapiéntiam præstans párvulis.

Justítiæ Dómini rectæ, lætificántes corda : * præcéptum Dómini lúcidum, illúminans óculos.

Timor Dómini sanctus, pérmanens in sæculum sæculi : * judícia Dómini vera, justificáta in semetípsa.

Desiderabília super aurum et lápidem pretiósum multum : * et dulcióra super mel et favum.

Etenim servus tuus custódit ea, * in custodiéndis illis retribútio multa.

Delícta quis intélligit ? ab occúltis meis munda me : * et ab aliénis parce servo tuo.

Si mei non fúerint domináti, tunc immaculátus ero : * et emundábor a delícto máximo.

Et erunt ut compláceant elóquia oris mei : * et meditátio cordis mei in conspéctu tuo semper.

Dómine adjútor meus, * et redémptor meus.

Glória Patri.

The second Chorister :

Ant. Sicut myrrha elécta, odórem dedísti suavitátis, sancta Dei Génitrix. (Allelúia.)

The first Chorister :

Ant. Ante thorum.

Psalm xxiii.

Dómini est terra, et plenitúdo ejus: * orbis terrárum, et univérsi, qui hábitant in eo.

Quia ipse super mária fundávit eum: * et super flúmina præparávit eum.

Quis ascéndet in montem Dómini? * aut quis stabit in loco sancto ejus?

Innocens mánibus, et mundo corde, qui non accépit in vano ánimam suam, * nec jurávit in dolo próximo suo.

Hic accípiet benedictiónem a Dómino: * et misericórdiam a Deo salutári suo.

Hæc est generátio quæréntium eum, * quæréntium fáciem Dei Jacob.

Attóllite portas, príncipes, vestras, et elevámini, portæ æternáles: * et introíbit Rex glóriæ.

Quis est iste Rex glóriæ? * Dóminus fortis et potens, Dóminus potens in prælio.

Attóllite portas, príncipes, vestras, et elevámini, portæ æternáles : * et introíbit Rex glóriæ.

Quis est iste Rex glóriæ ? * Dóminus virtútum ipse est Rex glóriæ.

Glória Patri.

The first Chorister:

Ant. Ante thorum hujus Vírginis frequentáte nobis dúlcia cántica drámatis. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. (Allelúia.)

The Choir:

R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum. (Allelúia.)

The President intones the "Pater noster" in a low voice until the *V.* "Et ne nos," &c.

The three following Psalms are said at the Nocturns of Tuesday and Friday.

The President:

Ant. Spécie tua.

Psalm xliv.

Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum : * dico ego ópera mea Regi.

Lingua mea cálamus scribæ, * velóciter scribéntis.

Speciósus forma præ fíliis hóminum : diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis : * proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum.

Accíngere gládio tuo super femur tuum, * potentíssime.

Spécie tua, et pulchritúdine tua ; * inténde, próspere procéde, et regna.

Propter veritátem, et mansuetúdinem, et justítiam : * et dedúcet te mirabíliter déxtera tua.

Sagíttæ tuæ acútæ, pópuli sub te cadent, * in corda inimicórum regis.

Sedes tua, Deus, in sæculum sæculi : * virga directiónis virga regni tui.

Dilexísti justítiam, et odísti iniquitátem : * proptérea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, óleo lætítiæ præ consórti*bus* tuis.

Myrrha, et gutta, et cásia a vestiméntis tuis, a dómibus ebúrneis : * ex quibus delectavérunt te fíliæ regum in honóre tuo.

Astitit Regína a dextris tuis in vestítu deauráto, * circúmdata varietáte.

Audi, fília, et vide, et inclína aurem tuam : * et oblivíscere pópulum tuum, et domum patris tui.

Et concupíscet Rex decórem tuum ; * quóniam ipse est Dóminus Deus tuus, et adorábunt eum.

Et fíliæ Tyri in munéribus, * vultum tuum deprecabúntur omnes dívites plebis.

Omnis glória ejus fíliæ Regis ab intus, * in fímbriis áureis circumamícta varietátibus.

Adducéntur Regi vírgines post eam : * próximæ ejus afferéntur tibi.

Afferéntur in lætítia et exultatióne : * adducéntur in templum Regis.

Pro *pátribus tuis* nati sunt tibi

fílii : * constítues eos príncipes super omnem terram.

Mémores erunt nóminis tui * in omni generatióne, et generatiónem.

Proptérea pópuli confitebúntur tibi in ætérnum : * et in sæculum sæculi.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Spécie tua, et pulchritúdine tua, inténde, próspere procéde, et regna. (Allelúia.)

Ant. Adjuvábit eam.

Psalm xlv.

Deus noster refúgium, et virtus, * adjútor in tribulatiónibus, quæ invenérunt nos nimis.

Proptérea non timébimus dum turbábitur terra : * et transferéntur montes in cor maris.

Sonuérunt, et turbátæ sunt aquæ eórum : * conturbáti sunt montes in fortitúdine ejus.

Flúminis ímpetus lætíficat civitátem Dei : * sanctificávit tabernáculum suum Altíssimus.

Deus in médio ejus non commovébitur : * adjuvábit eam Deus mane dilúculo.

Conturbátæ sunt gentes, et inclináta sunt regna, * dedit vocem suam, mota est terra.

Dóminus virtútum nobíscum : * suscéptor noster Deus Jacob.

Veníte, et vidéte ópera Dómini, quæ pósuit prodígia super terram : * áuferens bella usque ad finem terræ.

Arcum cónteret, et confrínget arma : * et scuta combúret igni.

Vacáte, et vidéte, quóniam ego sum Deus : * exaltábor in géntibus, et exaltábor in terra.

Dóminus virtútum nobíscum : * suscéptor noster Deus Jacob.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Adjuvábit eam Deus vultu suo : Deus in médio ejus non commovébitur. (Allelúia.)

Ant. Sicut lætántium.

Psalm lxxxvi.

Fundaménta ejus in móntibus sanctis : * díligit Dóminus portas Sion super ómnia tabernácula Jacob.

Gloriósa dicta sunt de te, * cívitas Dei.

Memor ero Rahab et Babylónis, * sciéntium me.

Ecce alienígenæ, et Tyrus, et pópulus Æthíopum : * hi fuérunt illic.

Numquid Sion dicet : Homo, et homo natus est in ea : * et ipse fundávit eam Altíssimus ?

Dóminus narrábit in scriptúris populórum, et príncipum : * horum, qui fuérunt in ea.

Sicut lætántium ómnium, * habitátio est in te.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Sicut lætántium ómnium nostrum, habitátio est in te, sancta Dei *Génitrix.* (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. (Allelúia.)

The Choir:

R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum. (Allelúia.)

The President: "Pater noster;" and the rest in a low voice until "Et ne nos," &c.

The three following Psalms are said at the Nocturn of Wednesday and Saturday.

The President:

Ant. Gaude, María virgo.

Psalm xcv.

Cantáte Dómino cánticum novum: * cantáte Dómino, omnis terra.

Cantáte Dómino, et benedícite nómini ejus: * annuntiáte de die in diem salutáre ejus.

Annuntiáte inter gentes glóriam ejus: * in ómnibus pópulis mirabília ejus.

Quóniam magnus Dóminus, et laudábilis nimis: * terríbilis est super omnes deos.

Quóniam omnes dii géntium dæmónia : * Dóminus autem cœlos fecit.

Conféssio, et pulchritúdo in conspéctu ejus : * sanctimónia, et magnificéntia in sanctificatióne ejus.

Afférte Dómino, pátriæ géntium, afférte Dómino glóriam, et honórem : * afférte Dómino glóriam nómini ejus.

Tóllite hóstias, et introíte in átria ejus : * adoráte Dóminum in átrio sancto ejus.

Commoveátur a fácie ejus univérsa terra : * dícite in géntibus, quia Dóminus regnávit.

Etenim corréxit orbem terræ, qui non commovébitur : * judicábit pópulos in æquitáte.

Læténtur cœli, et exúltet terra : commovéatur mare, et plenitúdo ejus : * gaudébunt campi, et ómnia quæ in eis sunt.

Tunc exultábunt ómnia ligna silvárum a fácie Dómini, quia venit : * *quó*niam venit judicáre terram.

Judicábit orbem terræ in æquitáte, * et pópulos in veritáte sua.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Gaude, María virgo, cunctas hæreses sola interemísti in univérso mundo. (Allelúia.)

Ant. Dignáre me.

Psalm xcvi.

Dóminus regnávit, exúltet terra ; * læténtur ínsulæ multæ.

Nubes, et calígo in circúitu ejus : * justítia, et judícium corréctio sedis ejus.

Ignis ante ipsum præcédet, * et inflammábit in circúitu inimícos ejus.

Illuxérunt fúlgura ejus orbi terræ : * vidit, et commóta est terra.

Montes sicut cera fluxérunt a fácie Dómini : * a fácie Dómini omnis terra.

Annuntiavérunt cœli justítiam ejus: * et vidérunt omnes pópuli glóriam ejus.

Confundá*ntur* omnes qui adórant

sculptília, * et qui gloriántur in simulácris suis.

Adoráte eum, omnes Angeli ejus : * audívit, et lætáta est Sion.

Et exultavérunt fíliæ Judæ, * propter judícia tua, Dómine.

Quóniam tu Dóminus altíssimus super omnem terram : * nimis exaltátus es super omnes Deos.

Qui dilígitis Dóminum odíte malum : * custódit Dóminus ánimas sanctórum suórum, de manu peccatóris liberábit eos.

Lux orta est justo, * et rectis corde lætítia.

Lætámini, justi, in Dómino : * et confitémini memóriæ sanctificatiónis ejus.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Dignáre me laudáre te, Virgo sacráta : da mihi virtútem contra hostes tuos. (Allelúia.)

During the time of Advent :

Ant. Post partum.

During Advent and on the day of the Annunciation:

Ant. Angelus Dómini.

Psalm xcvii.

Cantáte Dómino cánticum novum: * quia mirabília fecit.

Salvávit sibi déxtera ejus: * et bráchium sanctum ejus.

Notum fecit Dóminus salutáre suum: * in conspéctu géntium revelávit justítiam suam.

Recordátus est misericórdiæ suæ, * et veritátis suæ dómui Israel.

Vidérunt omnes términi terræ * salutáre Dei nostri.

Jubiláte Deo, omnis terra; * cantáte, et exultáte, et psállite.

Psállite Dómino in cíthara, in cíthara, et voce psalmi: * in tubis ductílibus, et voce tubæ córneæ.

Jubiláte in conspéctu Regis Dómini: moveátur mare, et plenitúdo ejus, * orbis terrárum, et qui hábitant in eo.

Flúmina plaudent manu, simul

montes exultábunt a conspéctu Dómini : * quóniam venit judicáre terram.

Judicábit orbem terrárum in justítia, * et pópulos in æquitáte.

Glória Patri.

Out of Advent time :

Ant. Post partum, Virgo, invioláta permansísti : Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis. (Allelúia.)

During Advent and on the day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin :

Ant. Angelus Dómini nuntiávit Maríæ, et concépit de Spíritu sancto.

The Choristers :

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. (Allelúia.)

The Choir :

R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in æternum. (Allelúia.)

The President :

Pater noster.

And the rest, in a low voice, until the words:

V. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

The Choir:

R. Sed líbera nos a malo.

The President will give the Absolution:

Précibus, et méritis beátæ Maríæ semper vírginis, et ómnium Sanctórum, perdúcat nos Dóminus ad regna cœlórum.

The Choir:

R. Amen.

The Reader of the Third Lesson, bowing, will say, standing in the middle of the chapel:

V. Jube, domne, benedícere.

The President will give the Benediction:

Nos cum prole pia benedícat Virgo María.

The Choir:

R. Amen.

Whilst the Lessons are read, all sit; at the end, all rise at the sound of the bell.

First Lesson (Eccles. xxiv.).

In ómnibus réquiem quæsívi, et in hæreditáte Dómini morábor. Tunc præcépit, et dixit mihi Creátor ómnium; et qui creávit me, requiévit in tabernáculo meo; et dixit mihi: In Jacob inhábita, et in Israel hæreditáre, et in eléctis meis mitte radíces. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

The Choir:

R. Deo grátias.

The Choristers:

R. Sancta, et immaculáta virgínitas, quibus te láudibus éfferam néscio: * Quia quem cœli cápere non póterant, tuo grémio contulísti. (Allelúia.)

The Reader of the Lesson:

V. Benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventris tui.

The Choristers:

R. Quia quem cœli cápere non póterant, tuo grémio contulísti. (All.)

The Reader of the First Lesson must go and kneel before the altar, but at the sound of the bell returns to his (or her) place.

The Reader of the Second Lesson must say, standing in the middle of the chapel, and bowing to the altar:

V. Jube, domne, benedícere.

The President:

Ipsa Virgo vírginum intercédat pro nobis ad Dóminum.

The Choir:

R. Amen.

Second Lesson.

Et sic in Sion firmáta sum; et in civitáte sanctificáta simíliter requiévi, et in Jerúsalem potéstas mea. Et radicávi in pópulo honorificáto, et in parte Dei mei hæréditas illíus, et in plenitúdine sanctórum détentio mea. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

The Choir:

R. Deo grátias.

The Choristers:

R. Beáta es, Virgo María, quæ Dóminum portásti Creatórem mundi: * Genuísti qui te fecit, et in ætérnum pérmanes virgo. (Allelúia.)

V. Ave, María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum.

R. Genuísti qui te fecit, et in ætérnum pérmanes virgo. (Allelúia.)

When the "Te Deum" is said, the Reader of the Lesson adds:

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto.

The Choristers:

R. Genuísti qui te fecit, et in ætérnum pérmanes virgo. (Allelúia.)

The Reader of the Third Lesson:

V. Jube, domne, benedícere.

The President:

Per Vírginem matrem concédat nobis Dóminus salútem et pacem.

The Choir:

R. Amen.

Third Lesson.

Quasi cedrus exaltáta sum in Líbano, et quasi cypréssus in monte Sion: quasi palma exaltáta sum in Cades, et quasi plantátio rosæ in Jéricho: quasi olíva speciósa in campis, et quasi plátanus exaltáta sum juxta aquam in platéis. Sicut cinnamómum, et bálsamum aromatízans odórem dedi: quasi myrrha elécta dedi suavitátem odóris. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

The Choir:

R. Deo grátias.

When the "Te Deum" is said, the following Response is omitted:

R. Felix namque es, sacra Virgo

María, et omni laude digníssima: * Quia ex te ortus est Sol justítiæ, Christus Deus noster. (Allelúia.)

V. Ora pro pópulo, intérveni pro clero, intercéde pro devóto femíneo sexu: séntiant omnes tuum juvámen quicúmque célebrant tuam sanctam commemoratiónem.

R. Quia ex te ortus est Sol justítiæ, Christus Deus noster. (Allelúia.)

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto.

R. Christus Deus noster. (Allel.)

The "Gloria Patri" is omitted on the Sundays of the Passion and Palm Sunday, and on the Feasts which fall in Holy Week. Instead of the "Gloria Patri," the Response "Felix," &c. is repeated, until the Versicle "Ora," &c.

The "Te Deum" is said from Christmas to Septuagesima, and from Easter to Advent. During Advent, and from Septuagesima to Easter, it is only said on the Feasts of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.

LESSONS FOR ADVENT AND FOR THE DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION.

During the following Lessons all stand. The President gives the Absolution:

Précibus et méritis beátæ Maríæ semper vírginis et ómnium Sanctórum perdúcat nos Dóminus ad regna cœlórum.

The Choir:

Amen.

The Reader of the Lesson says:

Jube, domne, benedícere.

The President:

Nos cum prole pia benedícat Virgo María.

The Choir:

Amen.

First Lesson.

Missus est Angelus Gábriel a Deo in civitátem Galilææ, cui nomen Názareth, *ad Vírginem* desponsátam viro, cui nomen erat Joseph, de domo David, et nomen Vírginis María; et ingréssus Angelus ad eam dixit: Ave, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

The Choir:

R. Deo grátias.

The Choristers:

R. Missus est Gábriel Angelus ad Maríam vírginem desponsátam Joseph, núntians ei verbum: et expavéscit Virgo de lúmine. Ne tímeas, María, invenísti grátiam apud Dóminum: * Ecce concípies, et páries, et vocábitur Altíssimi Fílius.

The one who chants the Lesson:

V. Dabit ei Dóminus Deus sedem David patris ejus, et regnábit in *domo* Jacob in ætérnum.

The Choristers :

R. Ecce concípies, et páries, et vocábitur Altíssimi Fílius.

The Reader of the Second Lesson says :

V. Jube, domne, benedícere.

The President :

Ipsa Virgo vírginum intercédat pro nobis ad Dóminum.

The Choir :

R. Amen.

Second Lesson.

Quæ cum audísset, turbáta est in sermóne ejus, et cogitábat qualis esset ista salutátio. Et ait Angelus e : Ne tímeas, María, invenísti enim grátiam apud Deum : ecce concípies in útero et páries fílium, et vocábis nomen ejus Jesum. Hic erit magnus, et Fílius Altíssimi vocábitur, et dabit illi Dómi*nus Deus* sedem David patris ejus, et regnábit in domo Jacob in ætérnum, et regni ejus non erit finis. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

The Choir:

R. Deo grátias.

R. Ave, María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum: * Spíritus sanctus supervéniet in te, et virtus Altíssimi obumbrábit tibi: quod enim ex te nascétur Sanctum, vocábitur Fílius Dei.

V. Quómodo fiet istud, quóniam virum non cognósco? Et respóndens Angelus, dixit ei.

R. Spíritus sanctus supervéniet in te, et virtus Altíssimi obumbrábit tibi: quod enim ex te nascétur Sanctum, vocábitur Fílius Dei.

When the "Te Deum" is said, the following Response is added:

R. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto.

R. Spíritus sanctus supervéniet in te, et virtus Altíssimi obumbrábit tibi : quod enim ex te nascétur Sanctum, vocábitur Fílius Dei.

The Reader of the Third Lesson says:

V. Jube, domne, benedícere.

The President:

Per Vírginem matrem concédat nobis Dóminus salútem et pacem.

The Choir:

R. Amen.

Third Lesson.

Dixit autem María ad Angelum : Quómodo fiet istud, quóniam virum non cognósco ? Et respóndens Angelus, dixit ei : Spíritus sanctus supervéniet in te, et virtus Altíssimi obumbrábit tibi : ideóque et quod nascétur ex te Sanctum, vocábitur Fílius Dei. Et ecce Elísabeth cognáta tua, et ípsa concépit *fílium* in senectúte sua :

et hic mensis sextus est illi quæ vocátur stérilis : quia non erit impossíbile apud Deum omne verbum. Dixit autem María : Ecce ancílla Dómini, fiat mihi secúndum verbum tuum.

Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

The Choir :

R. Deo grátias.

When the "Te Deum" is said, the following Response is omitted :

R. Súscipe verbum, Virgo María, quod tibi a Dómino per Angelum transmíssum est : concípies, et páries Deum páriter et hóminem : * Ut benedícta dicáris inter omnes mulíeres.

V. Páries quidem fílium, et virginitátis non patiéris detriméntum : efficiéris grávida, et eris mater semper intácta.

R. Ut benedícta dicáris inter omnes mulíeres.

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto.

R. Ut benedícta dicáris inter omnes mulíeres.

During Advent, the "Te Deum" is said on the day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and on the celebration of a Saint's day.

HYMN OF ST. AMBROSE AND ST. AUGUSTINE.

Te Deum laudámus, * te Dóminum confitémur.

Te ætérnum Patrem * omnis terra venerátur.

Tibi omnes Angeli, * tibi cœli, et univérsæ Potestátes,

Tibi Chérubim et Séraphim * incessábili voce proclámant :

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus : * Dominus Deus Sábaoth.

Pleni sunt cœli et terra * majestátis glóriæ tuæ.

Te gloriósus * Apostolórum chorus,

Te Prophetárum * laudábilis númerus,
Te Mártyrum candidátus * laudat exércitus.
Te per orbem terrárum * sancta confitétur Ecclésia,
Patrem * imménsæ majestátis;
Venerándum tuum verum, et únicum Fílium;
Sanctum * quoque Paráclitum Spíritum.
Tu Rex glóriæ, * Christe.
Tu Patris * sempitérnus es Fílius.
Tu ad liberándum susceptúrus hóminem * non horruísti Vírginis úterum.
Tu devícto mortis acúleo * aperuísti credéntibus regna cœlórum.
Tu ad déxteram Dei sedes * in glória Patris.
Judex * créderis esse ventúrus.

Here they kneel.

Te ergo quæsumus, tuis fámulis

súbveni : * quos pretióso sánguine redemísti.

Here they rise.

Ætérna fac cum Sanctis tuis * in glória numerári.

Salvum fac pópulum tuum, Dómine : * et bénedic hæreditáti tuæ.

Et rege eos, * et extólle illos usque in ætérnum.

Per síngulos dies * benedícimus te.

Et laudámus nomen tuum in sæculum, * et in sæculum sæculi.

Dignáre, Domine, die isto * sine peccáto nos custodire.

Miserére nostri, Dómine : * misérere nostri.

Fiat misericórdia tua, Dómine, super nos : * quemádmodum sperávimus in te.

In te, Dómine, sperávi : * non confúndar in ætérnum.

LAUDS.

The President, making the sign of the Cross, says:

Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde.

The Choir:

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Allelúia.

From Septuagesima to Easter Day.

Laus tibi, Dómine, Rex ætérnæ glóriæ.

From the Purification of the Blessed Virgin to Advent.

The President:

Assúmpta est.

During Advent and the day of the Annunciation:

Ant. Missus est.

From the Vespers of the Vigil of Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. O admirábile commércium.

Psalm xcii.

Dóminus regnávit, decórem indútus est: * indútus est Dóminus fortitúdinem, et præcínxit se.

Etenim firmávit orbem terræ, * qui non commovébitur.

Paráta sedes tua ex tunc: * a sæculo tu es.

Elevavérunt flúmina, Dómine: * elevavérunt flúmina vocem suam.

Elevavérunt flúmina fluctus suos, * a vócibus aquárum multárum.

Mirábiles elatiónes maris; * mirábilis in altis Dóminus.

Testimónia tua credibília facta sunt nimis; * domum tuam decet sanctitúdo, Dómine, in longitúdinem diérum.

Glória Patri.

From the Purification to Advent.

The first Chorister:

Ant. Assúmpta est María in cœlum; gaudent Angeli, laudántes benedícunt Dóminum. (Allelúia.)

The second Chorister:

Ant. María Virgo.

During Advent:

Ant. Missus est Gábriel Angelus ad Maríam Vírginem desponsátam Joseph.

Ant. Ave, María.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. O admirábile commércium, Creátor géneris humáni, animátum corpus sumens, de Vírgine nasci dignátus est: et procédens homo sine sémine, largítus est nobis suam deitátem.

Ant. Quando natus es.

Psalm xcix.

Jubiláte Deo, omnis terra: * servíte Dómino in lætítia.

Introíte in conspéctu ejus, * in exultatióne.

Scitóte quóniam Dóminus ipse est Deus; * ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.

Pópulus ejus, et oves páscuæ ejus: introíte portas ejus in confessióne, * átria ejus in hymnis: confitémini illi.

Laudáte nomen ejus: quóniam suávis est Dóminus; in ætérnum misericórdia ejus: * et usque in generatiónem et generatiónem véritas ejus.

Glória Patri.

From the Purification to Advent:

Ant. María Virgo assumpta est ad æthéreum thálamum, in quo Rex regum stelláto sedet sólio. (Allel.)

Ant. In odórem.

During Advent:

Ant. Ave, María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in mulíéribus, alleluia.

During Lent the "Alleluia" is omitted, as well as the following Antiphon:

Ant. Ne tímeas, María.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Quando natus es ineffabíliter ex Vírgine, tunc implétæ sunt Scriptúræ: sicut plúvia in vellus descendísti, ut salvum fáceres genus humánum. Te laudámus, Deus noster.

Ant. Rubum quem víderat Móyses.

Psalm lxii.

Deus, Deus meus, * ad te de luce vígilo.

Sitívit in te ánima mea, * quam multiplíciter tibi caro mea.

In terra desérta, et ínvia, et inaquósa: sic in sancto appárui tibi, * ut vidérem virtútem tuam, et glóriam tuam.

Quóniam mélior est misericórdia tua super vitas: * lábia mea laudábunt te.

Sic benedícam te in vita mea: * et in nómine tuo levábo manus meas.

Sicut ádipe et pinguédine repleátur ánima mea; * et lábiis exultatiónis laudábit os meum.

Si memor fui tui super stratum meum, in matutínis meditábor in te: * quia fuisti adjútor meus.

Et in velaménto alárum tuárum exultábo, adhæsit ánima mea post te; * me suscépit déxtera tua.

Ipsi vero in vanum quæsiérunt ánimam meam, introíbunt in inferióra terræ: * tradéntur in manus gládii, partes vúlpium erunt.

Rex vero lætábitur in Deo, laudabúntur omnes qui jurant in eo; * quia obstrúctum est os loquéntium iníqua.

Psalm lxvi.

Deus misereátur nostri, et benedícat nobis: * illúminet vultum suum super nos, et misereátur nostri.

Ut cognoscámus in terra viam

tuam: * in ómnibus géntibus salutáre tuum.

Confiteántur tibi pópuli, Deus: * confiteántur tibi pópuli omnes.

Læténtur, et exúltent gentes; quóniam júdicas pópulos in æquitáte; * et gentes in terra dírigis.

Confiteántur tibi pópuli, Deus, confiteántur tibi pópuli omnes: * terra dedit fructum suum.

Benedícat nos Deus, Deus noster, benedícat nos Deus: * et métuant eum omnes fines terræ.

Glória Patri.

From the Purification to Advent:

Ant. In odórem unguentórum tuórum cúrrimus, adolescéntulæ dilexérunt te nimis. (Allelúia.)

Ant. Benedícta fília.

During Advent:

Ant. Ne tímeas, María, invenísti grátiam apud Dóminum: ecce concípies et páries fílium, allelúia.

Ant. Dabit ei Dóminus.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Rubum, quem víderat Moyses incombústum, conservátam agnóvimus tuam laudábilem virginitátem: Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis.

Ant. Germinávit radix Jesse.

Song of the Three Children (Dan. iii.).

Benedícite, ómnia ópera Dómini, Dómino: * laudáte et superexaltáte eum in sæcula.

Benedícite, Angeli Dómini, Dómino: * benedícite, cœli, Dómino.

Benedícite, aquæ omnes, quæ super cœlos sunt, Dómino: * benedícite, omnes virtútes Dómini, Dómino.

Benedícite, sol et luna, Dómino: * benedícite, stellæ cœli, Dómino.

Benedícite, omnis imber et ros, Dómino: * benedícite, omnes spiritus Dei, Dómino.

Benedícite, ignis et æstus, Dómino : * benedícite, frigus et æstus, Dómino.

Benedícite, rores et pruína, Dómino : * benedícite, gelu et frigus, Dómino.

Benedícite, glácies et nives, Dómino : * benedícite, noctes et dies, Dómino.

Benedícite, lux et ténebræ, Dómino : * benedícite, fúlgura et nubes, Dómino.

Benedícat terra Dóminum : * laudet et superexáltet eum in sæcula.

Benedícite, montes et colles, Dómino : * benedícite, univérsa germinántia in terra, Dómino.

Benedícite, fontes, Dómino : * benedícite, mária et flúmina, Dómino.

Benedícite, cete et ómnia quæ movéntur in aquis, Dómino : * benedícite, omnes vólucres cœli, Dómino.

Benedícite, omnes béstiæ et pécora, Dómino : * benedícite, fílii hóminum, Dómino.

Benedícat Israel Dóminum : * laudet et superexáltet eum in sæcula.

Benedícite, sacerdótes Dómini, Dómino : * benedícite, servi Dómini, Dómino.

Benedícite, spíritus et ánimæ justórum, Dómino : * benedícite, sancti et húmiles corde, Dómino.

Benedícite, Ananía, Azaría, Mísael, Dómino : * laudáte et superexaltáte eum in sæcula.

Benedicámus Patrem et Fílium cum sancto Spíritu : * laudémus et superexaltémus eum in sæcula.

Benedíctus es, Dómine, in firmaménto cœli : * et laudábilis, et gloriósus, et superexaltátus in sæcula.

Here the "Gloria Patri" and the "Amen" are not said.

From the Purification to Advent :

Ant. Benedícta fília tu a Dómino : quia per te fructum vitæ communicávimus. (Allelúia.)

Ant. Pulchra es.

During Advent:

Ant. Dabit ei Dóminus sedem David patris ejus, et regnábit in ætérnum.

Ant. Ecce ancílla Dómini.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Germinávit radix Jesse, orta est stella ex Jacob: Virgo péperit Salvatórem. Te laudámus, Deus noster.

Ant. Ecce María.

Psalm cxlviii.

Laudáte Dóminum de cœlis: * laudáte eum in excélsis.

Laudáte eum, omnes Angeli ejus: * laudáte eum, omnes virtútes ejus.

Laudáte eum, sol et luna: * laudáte eum, omnes stellæ et lumen.

Laudáte eum, cœli cœlórum: * et aquæ omnes quæ super cœlos sunt, laudent nomen Dómini.

Quia ipse dixit, et facta sunt: * ipse mandávit, et creáta sunt.

Státuit ea in ætérnum, et in sæculum sæculi : * præcéptum pósuit, et non præteríbit.

Laudáte Dóminum de terra : * dracónes et omnes abyssi.

Ignis, grando, nix, glácies, spíritus procellárum : * quæ fáciunt verbum ejus.

Montes, et omnes colles : * ligna fructífera, et omnes cedri.

Béstiæ, et univérsa pécora : * serpéntes, et vólucres pennátæ.

Reges terræ, et omnes pópuli : * príncipes, et omnes júdices terræ.

Júvenes et vírgines, senes cum junióribus laudent nomen Dómini : * quia exaltátum est nomen ejus solíus.

Conféssio ejus super cœlum et terram : * et exaltávit cornu pópuli sui.

Hymnus ómnibus sanctis ejus ; * fíliis Israel, pópulo appropinquánti sibi.

Psalm cxlix.

Cantáte Dómino cánticum novum: * laus ejus in ecclésia sanctórum.

Lætétur Israel in eo qui fecit eum: * et fílii Sion exúltent in rege suo.

Laudent nomen ejus in choro: * in tympano et psaltério psallant ei.

Quia beneplácitum est Dómino in pópulo suo: * et exaltábit mansuétos in salútem.

Exultábunt sancti in glória: * lætabúntur in cubílibus suis.

Exaltatiónes Dei in gútture eórum: * et gládii ancípites in mánibus eórum.

Ad faciéndam vindíctam in natiónibus: * increpatiónes in pópulis.

Ad alligándos reges eórum in compédibus: * et nóbiles eórum in mánicis férreis.

Ut fáciant in eis judícium conscríptum: * glória hæc est ómnibus sanctis ejus.

Psalm cl.

Laudáte Dóminum in sanctis ejus:

* laudáte eum in firmaménto virtútis ejus.

Laudáte eum in virtútibus ejus: * laudáte eum secúndum multitúdinem magnitúdinis ejus.

Laudáte eum in sono tubæ: * laudáte eum in psaltério et cíthara.

Laudáte eum in tympano et choro: * laudáte eum in chordis et órgano.

Laudáte eum in cymbalis benesonántibus: laudáte eum in cymbalis jubilatiónis: * omnis spíritus laudet Dóminum.

Glória Patri.

From the Purification to Advent:

Ant. Pulchra es, et decóra, fília Jerúsalem: terríbilis ut castrórum ácies ordináta. (Allelúia.)

During Advent:

Ant. Ecce ancílla Dómini, fiat mihi secúndum verbum tuum.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Ecce María génuit nobis Salvatórem, quem Joánnes videns exclamávit dicens : Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccáta mundi, allelúia.

The President will read out aloud the following Chapter:

Vidérunt eam fíliæ Sion, et beatíssimam prædicavérunt, et regínæ laudavérunt eam.

The Choir:

R. Deo grátias.

During Advent:

Chapter (Isaias xi.).

Egrediétur virga de radíce Jesse, et flos de radíce ejus ascéndet, et requiéscet super eum Spíritus Dómini.

The Choir:

R. Deo grátias.

The Choristers, standing before the altar, intone the following Hymn:

O gloriósa Vírginum,
Sublímis inter sídera,
Qui te creávit, párvulum
Lacténte nutris úbere.

Quod Heva tristis ábstulit,
Tu reddis almo gérmine:
Intrent ut astra flébiles,
Cœli reclúdis cárdines.

Tu regis alti jánua,
Et aula lucis fúlgida:
Vitam datam per Vírginem,
Gentes redémptæ, pláudite.

Jesu, tibi sit glória,
Qui natus es de Vírgine,
Cum Patre et almo Spíritu
In sempitérna sæcula.
Amen.

The Choristers standing before the altar:

V. Benedícta tu in muliéribus.

The Choir:

R. Et benedíctus fructus ventris tui.

From the Purification to Easter, and from Trinity Sunday to Advent.

The President:

Ant. Beáta Dei Génitrix.

During Paschal time:

Ant. Regína cœli.

During Advent:

Ant. Spíritus sanctus.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Mirábile mystérium.

The Canticle of Zachariah (Luke i.).

Benedíctus Dóminus Deus Israel, * quia visitávit, et fecit redemptiónem plebis suæ.

Et eréxit cornu salútis nobis: * in domo David púeri sui.

Sicut locútus est per os sanctórum, * qui a sæculo sunt, prophetárum ejus.

Salútem ex inimícis nostris, * et de manu ómnium, qui odérunt nos.

Ad faciéndam misericórdiam cum pátribus nostris, * et memorári testaménti sui sancti.

Jusjurándum, quod jurávit ad Abraham patrem nostrum, * datúrum se nobis,

Ut sine timóre, de manu inimicórum nostrórum liberáti, * serviámus illi.

In sanctitáte et justítia coram ipso, * ómnibus diébus nostris.

Et tu, puer, prophéta Altíssimi vocáberis: * præíbis enim ante fáciem Dómini paráre vias ejus.

Ad dandam sciéntiam salútis plebi ejus: * in remissiónem peccatórum eórum.

Per víscera misericórdiæ Dei nostri: * in quibus visitávit nos óriens ex alto.

Illumináre his qui in ténebris et in umbra mortis sedent: * ad dirigéndos pedes nostros in viam pacis.

Glória Patri.

From the Purification to Easter, and from Trinity to Advent, the first Chorister intones the following Antiphon:

Ant. Beáta Dei Génitrix María, virgo perpétua, templum Dómini, sacrárium Spíritus sancti, sola sine exémplo placuísti Dómino nostro Jesu Christo: ora pro pópulo, intérveni pro clero, intercéde pro devóto femíneo sexu.

During the Paschal season:

Ant. Regína cœli, lætáre, allelúia.
Quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia.
Resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

During Advent:

Ant. Spíritus sanctus in te descéndet, María: ne tímeas, habébis in útero Fílium Dei, allelúia.

The President:

Kyrie, eléison.

The Choir:

Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

The President:

Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

The Choir:

Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beátæ Maríæ Vírginis útero, Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiánte, carnem suscípere voluísti: præsta supplícibus tuis; ut qui vere eam Genitrícem Dei crédimus, ejus apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

The Choir:

R. Amen.

Then follows the Commemoration of all the Saints of the Order (except during Advent) by the Antiphon, "Sancti Dei." During Advent the Antiphon "Dominus veniet" is substituted.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Mirábile mystérium declarátur hódie: innovántur natúræ: Deus homo factus est: id quod fuit permánsit, et quod non erat assúmpsit; non commixtiónem passus, neque divisiónem.

The President:

Kyrie, eléison.
R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.
V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salútis ætérnæ, beátæ Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti; tríbue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum.
R. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE SAINTS.

Out of Advent time.

The Choristers:

Ant. Sancti Dei omnes, intercédere dignémini pro nostra omniúmque salúte. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

V. Lætámini in Dómino, et exultáte, justi. (Allelúia.)

The Choir:

R. Et gloriámini, omnes recti corde. (Allelúia.)

The President:

Oremus.

Prótege, Dómine, pópulum tuum, et Apostolórum tuórum Petri et Pauli, et aliórum Apostolórum patrocínio confidéntem, perpétua defensióne consérva.

Omnes Sancti tui, quæsumus, Dómine, nos ubíque ádjuvent: ut dum eórum mérita recólimus, patrocínia sentiámus, et pacem tuam nostris concéde tempóribus, et ab Ecclésia tua cunctam repélle nequítiam: iter, actus, et voluntátes nostras, et ómnium famulórum tuórum, in salútis tuæ prosperitáte dispóne: benefactóribus nostris sempitérna bona retríbue: et ómnibus fidélibus defúnctis réquiem ætérnam concéde.

On the days when the Feast of a Saint is celebrated, or that of one of the Saints of the Order, a memento is made as in the "Common of Saints" (see after the Office).

The last Commemorations must be those of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, of St. Louis (or St. Elizabeth), and the Prayer for Péace.

During Advent the Commemoration of all the Saints of the Order must be made in the following manner:

The Choristers:

Ant. Ecce Dóminus véniet, et omnes Sancti ejus cum eo: et erit in die illa lux magna, allelúia.

V. Ecce apparébit Dóminus super nubem cándidam.

R. Et cum eo sanctórum míllia.

Oremus.

Consciéntias nostras, quæsumus, Dómine, visitándo purífica: ut véniens Jesus Christus Fílius tuus Dó*minus* noster cum ómnibus sanctis parátam sibi in nobis invéniat mansiónem.

Here the Commemoration is made of the Saint or Saints of whom the Feast is being kept (see the "Common of Saints").

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY PATRONS OF THE ORDER.

OF ST. FRANCIS.

The Choir:

Ant. Réspice, beáte Pater Francísce, de excélso cœlórum habitáculo, et deprecáre pro pópulo tuo, pópulo quem elegísti, ut sérviat coram te omni témpore in ministério sanctuárii Dómini. (Allelúia.)

The Choristers:

V. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Francísce. (Allelúia.)

The Choir:

R. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi. (Allelúia.)

When the "Ora pro nobis," &c. is said after the Commemoration of the Saint, the following Versicle is said:

V. Signásti, Dómine, servum tuum Franciscum. (Allelúia.)

R. Signis redemptiónis nostræ. (Allelúia.)

The President:

Oremus.

Deus, qui Ecclésiam tuam beáti Patris nostri Francísci méritis fœtu novæ prolis amplíficas: tríbue nobis ex ejus imitatióne terréna despícere et cœléstium donórum semper participatióne gaudére.

The Brothers will here make a Commemoration of St. Louis, King of France.

Ant. Hic vir despíciens mundum, et terréna triúmphans, divítias cœlo cóndidit ore, manu. (Allelúia.)

When the Antiphon, "Hic vir," &c. has been said in the Commemoration of a Saint of the Order, the following is said:

Ant. Euge serve bone et fidélis,

quia in pauca fuísti fidélis, supra multa te constítuam, intra in gáudium Dómini tui. (Allelúia.)

V. Justum dedúxit Dóminus per vias rectas. (Allelúia.)

R. Et osténdit illi regnum Dei. (Allelúia.)

When the "Justum deduxit," &c. is said in the Commemoration of a Saint of the Order, the following is added:

V. Amávit eum Dóminus et ornávit eum. (Allelúia.)

R. Stolam glóriæ índuit eum. (Allelúia.)

Oremus.

Deus, qui beátum Ludovícum, Confessórem tuum, de terréno regno ad cœléstis regni glóriam transtulísti, ejus, quæsumus, méritis et intercessióne Regis regum Jesu Christi, Fílii tui fácias nos esse consórtes.

The Sisters, instead of the preceding Commemoration, will say the one of St. Elizabeth of Hungary:

Ant. Manum suam apéruit ínopi,

et palmas suas exténdit ad páuperem, et panem otiósa non comédit. (Allel.)

If the Antiphon, "Manum suam," &c. has been already said for the Commemoration of the Saint of whom the Feast is being held, the following will be chanted:

Ant. Date ei de fructu mánuum suárum, et laudent eam in portis ópera ejus. (Allelúia.)

At Lauds:

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. (Allelúia.)
R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum. (Allelúia.)

When the Antiphon, "Diffusa est," has been said, the following is added:

V. Spécie tua et pulchritúdine tua. (Allelúia.)
R. Inténde, próspere procéde, et regna. (Allelúia.)

At Vespers:

V. Spécie tua, &c., *as above.*

If this has been already said, the following is used:

V. Adjuvábit eam Deus vultu suo. (Allelúia.)

R. Deus in médio ejus, non commovébitur. (Allelúia.)

Oremus.

Tuórum corda fidélium, Deus miserátor, illústra: et beátæ Elísabeth précibus gloriósis fac nos próspera mundi despícere, et cœlésti semper consolatióne gaudére.

Of Peace.

Ant. Da pacem, Dómine, in diébus nostris; quia non est álius qui pugnet pro nobis, nisi tu, Deus noster. (Allelúia.)

V. Fiat pax in virtúte tua. (Allel.)

R. Et abundántia in túrribus tuis. (Allelúia.)

Oremus.

Deus, a quo sancta desidéria, recta consília, et justa sunt ópera, da servis tuis illam, quam mundus dare nonpotest, pacem, ut et corda nostra mandátis tuis dédita, et hóstium subláta formídine, témpora sint tua protectióne tranquílla. Per.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Benedicámus Dómino.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.

R. Amen.

If the Office ends here, the President says:

Pater noster.

And the rest in a low voice. Then follows the Versicle:

V. Dóminus det nobis suam pacem.

R. Et vitam ætérnam. Amen.

One or other of these four Antiphons is said, according to the season. They are said kneeling, ex-

cept from the Vespers of the Saturday to Compline on the Sunday in Paschal time, when they are said standing.

When the Office is not finished with Lauds, the Antiphon of the Blessed Virgin is said at the end of the last hour.

The following Antiphon is said from the Vespers of the Saturday which precedes the first Sunday in Advent until the Purification of the Blessed Virgin:

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cœli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat, pópulo; tu quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem.
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

During Advent:

V. Angelus Dómini nuntiávit Maríæ.

R. Et concépit de Spíritu sancto.

Oremus.

Grátiam tuam, quæsumus, Dómine, méntibus nostris infúnde, ut qui Angelo nuntiánte Christi Fílii tui incarnatiónem cognóvimus, per passiónem ejus et crucem ad resurrectiónis glóriam perducámur. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divínum auxílium máneat semper nobíscum.

R. Amen.

From the Vigil of Christmas at Vespers, until the Feast of the Purification at Compline:

V. Post partum, Virgo, invioláta permansísti.

R. Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salútis ætérnæ, beátæ Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti: tríbue, *quæsumus*; ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum.

R. Amen.

The following Antiphon is said from the Compline of the Purification until the Compline of Ash-Wednesday :

Ave, Regína cœlórum ;
Ave, Dómina Angelórum ;
Salve, radix, salve, porta ;
Ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Gaude, Virgo gloriósa,
Super omnes speciósa ;
Vale, o valde decóra,
Et pro nobis Christum exóra.

V. Dignáre me laudáre te, Virgo sacráta.

R. Da mihi virtútem contra hostes tuos.

Oremus.

Concéde, miséricors Deus, fragilitáti nostræ præsídium : ut qui sanctæ Dei Genitrícis memóriam ágimus, intercessiónis ejus auxílio, a nostris iniquitátibus resurgámus. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divínum auxílium máneat semper nobíscum.

R. Amen.

The following Antiphon is said from the Compline of Holy Saturday till None of the Saturday before the Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity:

Regína cœli, lætáre, allelúia ;
Quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia,
Resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

V. Gaude et lætáre, Virgo María, allelúia.

R. Quia surréxit Dóminus vere, allelúia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectiónem Fílii tui Dómini nostri Jesu Christi mundum lætificáre dignátus es ; præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus Genitrícem Vírginem Maríam, perpétuæ capíamus gáudia vitæ. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divínum auxílium máneat semper nobíscum.

R. Amen.

From the first Vespers of Trinity Sunday till None of the Saturday on the Eve of Advent:

Salve, Regína, mater misericórdiæ; vita, dulcédo et spes nostra, salve: ad te clamámus éxules filii Hevæ. Ad te suspirámus geméntes et flentes in hac lacrymárum valle. Eia ergo, advocáta nostra, illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos convérte. Et Jesum, benedíctum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exílium osténde, o clemens! o pia! o dulcis Virgo María.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Génitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

Oremus.

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui

gloriósæ Vírginis matris Maríæ corpus et ánimam, ut dignum Fílii tui habitáculum éffici mererétur, Spíritu sancto cooperánte, præparásti : da, ut cujus commemoratióne lætámur, ejus pia intercessióne ab instántibus malis et a morte perpétua liberémur. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divínum auxílium máneat semper nobíscum.

R. Amen.

PRIME.

The President says the "Ave Maria" in a low voice, then he intones:

Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde.

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri, &c. Allelúia, *or* Laus tibi, Dómine, &c.

Hymn.

Meménto, rerum Cónditor,
Nostri quod olim córporis
Sacráta ab alvo Vírginis
Nascéndo formam súmpseris.

María, Mater grátiæ,
Dulcis parens cleméntiæ,
Tu nos ab hoste prótege,
Et mortis hora súscipe.

Jesu, tibi sit glória,
Qui natus es de Vírgine,
Cum Patre et almo Spíritu,
In sempitérna sæcula.
Amen.

Ant. Assúmpta est.

During Advent:

Ant. Missus est.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. O admirábile commércium!

Psalm liii.

Deus, in nómine tuo salvum me fac, * et in virtúte tua júdica me.

Deus, exáudi oratiónem meam: * áuribus pércipe verba oris mei.

Quóniam aliéni insurrexérunt advérsum me, et fortes quæsiérunt ánimam meam: * et non proposuérunt Deum ante conspéctum suum.

Ecce enim Deus ádjuvat me: * et Dóminus suscéptor est ánimæ meæ.

Avérte mala inimícis meis, * et in veritáte tua dispérde illos.

Voluntárie sacrificábo tibi, * et confitébor nómini tuo, Dómine: quóniam bonum est.

Quóniam ex omni tribulatióne eripuísti me: * et super inimícos meos despéxit óculus meus.

Glória Patri.

Psalm lxxxiv.

Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: * avertísti captivitátem Jacob.

Remisísti iniquitátem plebis tuæ: * operuísti ómnia peccáta eórum.

Mitigásti omnem iram tuam: * avertísti ab ira indignatiónis tuæ.

Convérte nos, Deus salutáris noster : * et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

Numquid in ætérnum irascéris nobis? * aut exténdes iram tuam a generatióne in generatiónem ?

Deus, tu convérsus vivificábis nos : * et plebs tua lætábitur in te.

Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam : * et salutáre tuum da nobis.

Audiam quid loquátur in me Dóminus Deus : * quóniam loquétur pacem in plebem suam.

Et super sanctos suos : * et in eos qui convertúntur ad cor.

Verúmtamen prope timéntes eum salutáre ipsíus : * ut inhábitet glória in terra nostra.

Misericórdia et véritas obviavérunt sibi : * justítia et pax osculátæ sunt.

Véritas de terra orta est : * et justítia de cœlo prospéxit.

Etenim Dóminus dabit benignitátem : * et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

Justítia ante eum ambulábit : * et ponet in via gressus suos.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxvi.

Laudáte Dóminum, omnes gentes : * laudáte eum, omnes pópuli.

Quóniam confirmáta est super nos misericórdia ejus : * et véritas Dómini manet in ætérnum.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Assúmpta est María in cœlum, gaudent Angeli, laudántes benedícunt Dóminum. (Allelúia.)

The President will then read the Chapter:

Quæ est ista, quæ progréditur quasi auróra consúrgens, pulchra ut luna, elécta ut sol, terríbilis ut castrórum ácies ordináta?

R. Deo grátias.

The Choristers:

V. Dignáre me laudáre te, Virgo *sacráta.* (Allelúia.)

R. Da mihi virtútem contra hostes tuos. (Allelúia.)

The President:

Kyrie, eléison.
R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.
V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui virginálem aulam beátæ Maríæ, in qua habitáres, elígere dignátus es: da quæsumus, ut sua nos defensióne munítos, jucúndos fácias suæ interésse commemoratióni. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patri in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.
R. Amen.
V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.
V. Benedicámus Dómino.
R. Deo *grátias*.

V. Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.
R. Amen.

During Advent:

Ant. Missus est Gábriel Angelus ad Maríam Vírginem desponsátam Joseph.

Chapter.

Ecce Virgo concípiet, et páriet fílium, et vocábitur nomen ejus Emmánuel. Bútyrum et mel cómedet, ut sciat reprobáre malum et elígere bonum.
R. Deo grátias.

The Choristers:

V. Dignáre me laudáre te, Virgo sacráta.
R. Da mihi virtútem contra hostes tuos.

The President:

Kyrie, eléison.
R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beátæ Maríæ Vírginis útero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiánte, carnem suscípere voluísti; præsta supplícibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitrícem Dei crédimus, ejus apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.
R. Amen.
V. Dómine exáudi, &c.

After Advent:

Ant. O admirábile commércium! Creátor géneris humáni animátum corpus sumens, de Vírgine nasci dignátus est: et procédens homo sine sémine, largítus est nobis suam deitátem.

Chapter.

Quæ est ista, quæ progréditur quasi auróra consúrgens, pulchra ut luna, eléсta ut sol, terríbilis ut castrórum ácies ordináta?

R. Deo grátias.

The Choristers:

V. Dignáre me laudáre te, Virgo sacráta. (Allelúia.)

R. Da mihi virtútem contra hostes tuos. (Allelúia.)

The President:

Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salútis ætérnæ, beátæ Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti: tríbue, quæsumus; ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem, &c.

TIERCE.

Ave, María, *in a low voice.*

Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde.

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri, &c. Allel., *or* Laus tibi, Dómine, &c.

Hymn.

Meménto, rerum Cónditor,
Nostri quod olim córporis
Sacráta ab alvo Vírginis
Nascéndo formam súmpseris.

María, Mater grátiæ,
Dulcis parens deméntiæ,
Tu nos ab hoste prótege,
Et mortis hora súscipe.

Jesu, tibi sit glória,
Qui natus es de Vírgine,
Cum Patre et almo Spíritu,
In sempitérna sæcula.
Amen.

Ant. María Virgo.

During Advent:

Ant. Ave María.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Quando natus es.

Psalm cxix.

Ad Dóminum cum tribulárer clamávi: * et exaudívit me.

Dómine, líbera ánimam meam a lábiis iníquis, * et a lingua dolósa.

Quid detur tibi, aut quid apponátur tibi * ad linguam dolósam?

Sagíttæ poténtis acútæ, * cum carbónibus desolatóriis.

Heu mihi, quia incolátus meus prolongátus est: habitávi cum habitán tibus Cedar : * multum íncola fuit ánima mea.

Cum his, qui odérunt pacem, eram pacíficus : * cum loquébar illis, impugnábant me gratis.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxx.

Levávi óculos meos in montes, * unde véniet auxílium mihi.

Auxílium meum a Dómino, * qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Non det in commotiónem pedem tuum : * neque dormítet qui custódit te.

Ecce non dormitábit, * neque dórmiet, qui custódit Israel.

Dóminus custódit te, Dóminus protéctio tua, * super manum déxteram tuam.

Per diem sol non uret te : * neque luna per noctem.

Dóminus custódit te ab omni malo, * custódiat ánimam tuam Dóminus.

Dóminus custódiat intróitum tuum,

et éxitum tuum : * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxxi.

Lætátus sum in his quæ dicta sunt mihi : * In domum Dómini íbimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri : * in átriis tuis, Jerúsalem.

Jerúsalem, quæ ædificátur ut cívitas : * cujus participátio ejus in idípsum.

Illuc enim ascendérunt tribus, tribus Dómini : * testimónium Israel ad confiténdum nómini Dómini.

Quia illic sedérunt sedes in judício, * sedes super domum David.

Rogáte quæ ad pacem sunt Jerúsalem : * et abundántia diligéntibus te.

Fiat pax in virtúte tua, * et abundántia in túrribus tuis.

Propter fratres meos et próximos *meos,* * loquébar pacem de te.

Propter domum Dómini Dei nostri, quæsívi bona tibi.

Glória Patri.

Ant. María Virgo assúmpta est ad æthéreum thálamum, in quo Rex regum stelláto sedet sólio. (Allelúia.)

The President will read the following Chapter:

Et sic in Sion firmáta sum, et in civitáte sanctificáta simíliter requiévi, et in Jerúsalem potéstas mea.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. (Allelúia.)

R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum. (Allelúia.)

The President:

Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, *qui salútis* ætérnæ, beátæ

Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti; tríbue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Benedicámus Dómino.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.

R. Amen.

During Advent:

Ant. Ave, María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus, allelúia.

Chapter.

Egrediétur virga de radíce Jesse,

et flos de radíce ejus ascéndet: et requiéscet super eum spíritus Dómini.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis.

R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beátæ Maríæ Vírginis útero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiánte, carnem suscípere voluísti; præsta supplícibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitrícem Dei crédimus, ejus apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per eúmdem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem, meam, &c.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Quando natus es ineffabíliter ex Vírgine, tunc implétæ sunt Scriptúræ : sicut plúvia in vellus descendísti, ut salvum fáceres genus humánum. Te laudámus, Deus noster.

Chapter.

Et sic in Sion firmáta sum, et in civitáte sanctificáta simíliter requiévi, et in Jerúsalem potéstas mea.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis.

R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

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Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti; tríbue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem, &c.

SEXT.

Ave, María, *in a low voice.*

Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde.

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri. Allelúia, *or* Laus tibi, &c.

Hymn.

Meménto, rerum Cónditor,
Nostri quod olim córporis
Sacráta ab alvo Vírginis
Nascéndo formam súmpseris.

María, Mater grátiæ,
Dulcis parens cleméntiæ,
Tu nos ab hoste prótege,
Et mortis hora súscipe.

Jesu, tibi sit glória,
Qui natus es de Vírgine,
Cum Patre et almo Spíritu
In sempitérna sæcula.
Amen.

Ant. In odórem.

During Advent:

Ant. Ne tímeas, María.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Rubum quem víderat Móyses.

Psalm cxxii.

Ad te levávi óculos meos, * qui hábitas in cœlis.

Ecce sicut óculi servórum, * in mánibus dominórum suórum.

Sicut óculi ancíllæ in mánibus dóminæ suæ : * ita óculi nostri ad Dóminum Deum nostrum donec misereátur nostri.

Miserére nostri, Dómine, miserére nostri : * quia multum repléti sumus despectióne.

Quia multum repléta est ánima nostra : * oppróbrium abundántibus, et despéctio supérbis.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxxiii.

Nisi quia Dóminus erat in nobis, dicat nunc Israel : * nisi quia Dóminus erat in nobis.

Cum exúrgerent hómines in nos, * forte vivos deglutíssent nos.

Cum irascerétur furor eórum in nos, * fórsitan aqua absorbuísset nos.

Torréntem pertransívit ánima nostra : * fórsitan pertransísset ánima nostra aquam intolerábilem.

Benedíctus Dóminus, * qui non dedit nos in captiónem déntibus eórum.

Anima nostra sicut passer erépta est * de *láqueo* venántium.

Láqueus contrítus est, * et nos liberáti sumus.

Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini, * qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxxiv.

Qui confídunt in Dómino sicut mons Sion : * non commovébitur in ætérnum, qui hábitat in Jerúsalem.

Montes in circúitu ejus : * et Dóminus in circúitu pópuli sui, ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

Quia non relínquet Dóminus virgam peccatórum super sortem justórum : * ut non exténdant justi ad iniquitátem manus suas.

Bénefac, Dómine, bonis, * et rectis corde.

Declinántes autem in obligatiónes addúcet Dóminus cum operántibus iniquitátem : * pax super Israel.

Glória Patri.

Ant. In odórem unguentórum tuórum cúrrimus, adolescéntulæ dilexérunt te nimis. (Allelúia.)

The President will say the following Chapter:

Et radicávi in pópulo honorificáto, et in parte Dei mei hæréditas illíus, et in plenitúdine sanctórum deténtio mea.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Benedícta tu in muliéribus. (Allelúia.)

R. Et benedíctus fructus ventris tui. (Allelúia.)

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Concéde, misericors Deus, fragilitáti nostræ præsídium, ut qui sanctæ Dei Genitrícis memóriam ágimus, intercessiónis ejus auxílio, a nostris iniquitátibus resurgámus. Per eúmdem

Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Benedicámus Dómino.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.

R. Amen.

During Advent:

Ant. Ne tímeas, María, invenísti grátiam apud Dóminum : ecce concípies, et páries Fílium, allelúia.

Chapter (Luke i.).

Dabit illi Dóminus Deus sedem David patris ejus : et regnábit in domo Jacob in ætérnum, et regni ejus non erit finis.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Benedícta tu in muliéribus.

R. Et benedíctus fructus ventris tui.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beátæ Maríæ Vírginis útero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiánte, carnem suscípere voluísti; præsta supplícibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitrícem Dei crédimus, ejus apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per eúmdem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem, &c.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Rubum, quem víderat Móyses incombústum, conservátam agnóvimus tuam laudábilem virginitátem. Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis.

Chapter (Eccl. xxiv.).

Et radicávi in pópulo honorificáto, et in parte Dei mei hæréditas illíus, et in plenitúdine sanctórum deténtio mea.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Benedícta tu in muliéribus.

R. Et benedíctus fructus ventris tui.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salútis ætérnæ, beátæ Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti; tríbue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem, &c.

NONE.

Ave, María, *in a low voice.*

Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde.

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

V. Glória Patri, &c.

Allelúia, *or* Laus tibi, &c.

Hymn.

Meménto, rerum Cónditor,
Nostri quod olim córporis
Sacráta ab alvo Vírginis
Nascéndo formam súmpseris.

María, Mater grátiæ,
Dulcis parens cleméntiæ,
Tu nos ab hoste prótege,
Et mortis hora súscipe.

Jesu, tibi sit glória,
Qui natus es de Vírgine,
Cum Patre et almo Spíritu,
In sempitérna sæcula.
Amen.

Ant. Pulchra es.

During Advent:

Ant. Ecce ancílla Dómini.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Ecce María.

Psalm cxxv.

In converténdo Dóminus captivitátem Sion : * facti sumus sicut consoláti.

Tunc replétum est gáudio os nostrum : * et lingua nostra exultatióne.

Tunc dicent inter gentes : * magnificávit Dóminus fácere cum eis.

Magnificávit Dóminus fácere nobíscum : * facti sumus lætántes.

Convérte, Dómine, captivitátem nostram, * sicut torrens in Austro.

Qui séminant in lácrymis, * in exultatióne metent.

Euntes ibant et flebant, * mitténtes sémina sua.

Veniéntes autem vénient cum exultatióne, * portántes manípulos suos.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxxvi.

Nisi Dóminus ædificáverit domum, * in vanum laboravérunt, qui ædíficant eam.

Nisi Dóminus custodíerit civitátem, * frustra vígilat qui custódit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem súrgere: * súrgite postquam sedéritis, qui manducátis panem dolóris.

Cum déderit diléctis suis somnum: * ecce hæréditas Dómini, fílii; merces, fructus ventris.

Sicut sagíttæ in manu poténtis: * ita fílii excussórum.

Beátus vir qui implévit desidérium suum ex ipsis: * non confundétur, cum loquétur inimícis suis in porta.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxxvii.

Beáti omnes qui timent Dóminum, * qui ámbulant in viis ejus.

Labóres mánuum tuárum quia manducábis, * beátus es, et bene tibi erit.

Uxor tua sicut vitis abúndans, * in latéribus domus tuæ.

Fílii tui sicut novéllæ olivárum, * in circúitu mensæ tuæ.

Ecce sic benedicétur homo, * qui timet Dóminum.

Benedícat tibi Dóminus ex Sion : * et vídeas bona Jerúsalem ómnibus diébus vitæ tuæ.

Et vídeas fílios filiórum tuórum, * pacem super Israel.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Pulchra es et decóra, fília Jerúsalem : terríbilis ut castrórum ácies ordináta. (Allelúia.)

The President will read the following Chapter:

In platéis sicut cinnamómum et bálsamum aromatízans odórem dedi: quasi myrrha elécta dedi suavitátem odóris.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Post partum, Virgo, invioláta permansísti. (Allelúia.)

R. Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis. (Allelúia.)

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Famulórum tuórum, quæsumus, Dómine, delíctis ignósce, ut qui tibi placére de áctibus nostris non valémus, Genitrícis Fílii tui Dómini nostri intercessióne salvémur. Per eúmdem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Benedicámus Dómino.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.

R. Amen.

During Advent:

Ant. Ecce ancílla Dómini, fiat mihi secúndum verbum tuum.

Chapter (Isaias vii.).

Ecce Virgo concípiet, et páriet fílium, et vocábitur nomen ejus Emmánuel: bútyrum et mel cómedet, ut sciat reprobáre malum, et elígere bonum.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Angelus Dómini nuntiávit Maríæ.

R. Et concépit de Spíritu sancto.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem mem.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beátæ Maríæ Vírginis itero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuniánte, carnem suscípere voluísti: ræsta supplícibus tuis; ut qui vere am Genitrícem Dei crédimus, ejus pud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per eúmdem Dóminum nostrum Jeum Christum Fílium tuum, qui ecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi, &c.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Ecce María génuit nobis Salvatórem, quem Joánnes videns exclamávit, dicens: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccáta mundi: allelúia.

Chapter (Eccl. xxiv.).

In platéis sicut cinnamómum et bálsamum aromatízans odórem dedi: quasi myrrha electa dedi suavitátem odóris.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Post partum, Virgo, invioláta permansísti.

R. Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salútis ætérnæ, beátæ Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti; tríbue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis inter-

ere sentiámus, per quam merúi-
s auctórem vitæ suscípere Dómi-
n nostrum Jesum Christum fílium
m. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in
táte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per óm-
sæcula sæculórum.
℟. Amen.
℣. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem, &c.

VESPERS.

Ave, María.
Deus, in adjutórium meum in-
de.
℟. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me
tína.
Glória Patri. Allelúia, *or* Laus
i, &c.

During the year:

Ant. Dum esset Rex.

During Advent, the eve and the day of the Annunciation:

Ant. Missus est.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. O admirábile commércium.

Psalm cix.

Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo: * Sede a dextris meis,

Donec ponam inimícos tuos * scabéllum pedum tuórum.

Virgam virtútis tuæ emíttet Dóminus ex Sion: * domináre in médio inimicórum tuórum.

Tecum princípium in die virtútis tuæ in splendóribus sanctórum: * ex útero ante lucíferum génui te.

Jurávit Dóminus, et non pœnitébit eum: * Tu es sacérdos in ætérnum secúndum órdinem Melchísedech.

Dóminus a dextris tuis, * confrégit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicábit in natiónibus, implébit ruínas: * conquassábit cápita in terra multórum.

De torrénte in via bibet: * proptérea exaltábit caput.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Dum esset Rex in accúbitu suo, nardus mea dedit odórem suavitátis. (Allelúia.)

During Advent:

Ant. Missus est Gábriel Angelus ad Maríam Vírginem desponsátam Joseph.

From the Vespers of the Eve of Christmas until the Purification inclusively:

Ant. O admirábile commércium! Creátor géneris humáni, animátum corpus sumens de Vírgine nasci dignátus est; et procédens homo sine sémine, largítus est nobis suam deitátem.

During the year:

Ant. Læva ejus.

During Advent:

Ant. Ave, María.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Quando natus es.

Psalm cxii.

Laudáte, púeri, Dóminum: * laudáte nomen Dómini.

Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum: * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occásum * laudábile nomen Dómini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dóminus: * et super cœlos glória ejus.

Quis sicut Dóminus Deus noster, qui in altis hábitat: * et humília réspicit in cœlo et in terra?

Súscitans a terra ínopem, * et de stércore érigens páuperem.

Ut cóllocet eum cum princípibus, * cum princípibus pópuli sui.

Qui habitáre facit stérilem in domo, * matrem filiórum lætántem.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Læva ejus sub cápite meo, et déxtera illíus amplexábitur me. (All.)

During Advent:

Ant. Ave, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in mulíeribus, allelúia.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Quando natus es ineffabíliter ex Vírgine, tunc implétæ sunt Scriptúræ: sicut plúvia in vellus descendísti, ut salvum fáceres genus humánum: te laudámus, Deus noster.

During the year:

Ant. Nigra sum.

During Advent:

Ant. Ne tímeas.

After Advent:

Ant. Rubum, quem víderat Móyses.

Psalm cxxi.

Lætátus sum in his quæ dicta sunt mihi: * In domum Dómini íbimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri: * in átriis tuis, Jerúsalem.

Jerúsalem, quæ ædificátur ut cívitas: * cujus participátio ejus in idípsum.

Illuc enim ascendérunt tribus, tribus Dómini: * testimónium Israel ad confiténdum nómini Dómini.

Quia illic sedérunt sedes in judício, * sedes super domum David.

Rogáte quæ ad pacem sunt Jerúsalem: * et abundántia diligéntibus te.

Fiat pax in virtúte tua, * et abundántia in túrribus tuis.

Propter fratres meos et próximos meos, * loquébar pacem de te.

Propter domum Dómini Dei nostri, * quæsívi bona tibi.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Nigra sum, sed formósa, fíliæ Jerúsalem; ídeo diléxit me Rex, et introdúxit me in cubículum suum. (Allelúia.)

During Advent:

Ant. Ne tímeas, María, invenísti

grátiam apud Dóminum: ecce concípies et páries filium, allelúia.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Rubum, quem víderat Móyses incombústum, conservátam agnóvimus tuam laudábilem virginitátem: Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis.

During the year:

Ant. Jam hiems tránsiit.

During Advent:

Ant. Dabit ei Dóminus.

After Advent:

Ant. Germinávit radix Jesse.

Psalm cxxvi.

Nisi Dóminus ædificáverit domum, * in vanum laboravérunt qui ædíficant eam.

Nisi Dóminus custodíerit civitátem, * frustra vígilat qui custódit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem súrgere : * súrgite postquam sedéritis, qui manducátis panem dolóris.

Cum déderit diléctis suis somnum : * ecce hæréditas Dómini, fílii ; merces fructus ventris.

Sicut sagíttæ in manu poténtis ; * ita fílii excussórum.

Beátus vir qui implévit desidérium suum ex ipsis : * non confundétur, cum loquétur inimícis suis in porta.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Jam hiems tránsiit, imber ábiit, et recéssit : surge, amíca mea, et veni. (Allelúia.)

During Advent :

Ant. Dabit ei Dóminus sedem David patris ejus, et regnábit in ætérnum.

From Christmas to the Purification :

Ant. Germinábit radix Jesse, orta est stella ex Jacob : Virgo péperit Salvatórem : te laudámus, Deus noster.

During the year:

Ant. Speciósa facta es.

During Advent:

Ant. Ecce ancílla Dómini.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Ecce María.

Psalm cxlvii.

Lauda, Jerúsalem, Dóminum: * lauda Deum tuum, Sion.

Quóniam confortávit seras portárum tuárum: * benedíxit fíliis tuis in te.

Qui pósuit fines tuos pacem, * et ádipe fruménti sátiat te.

Qui emíttit elóquium suum terræ: * velóciter currit sermo ejus.

Qui dat nivem sicut lanam: * nébulam sicut cínerem spargit.

Mittit crystállum suam sicut buccéllas: * ante fáciem frígoris ejus quis sustinébit?

Emíttet verbum suum, et liquefáciet ea: * flabit spíritus ejus, et fluent aquæ.

Qui annúntiat verbum suum Jacob, * justítias et judícia sua Israel.

Non fecit táliter omni natióni, * et judícia sua non manifestávit eis.

Glória Patri, &c.

Ant. Speciósa facta es, et suávis in delíciis tuis, sancta Dei Génitrix. (Allelúia.)

Chapter (Eccl. xxiv.).

Ab inítio et ante sæcula creáta sum; et usque ad futúrum sæculum non désinam, et in habitatióne sancta coram ipso ministrávi.

R. Deo grátias.

During Advent:

Ant. Ecce ancílla Dómini: fiat mihi secúndum verbum tuum.

Chapter (Isaias xi.).

Egrediétur virga de radíce Jesse,

et flos de radíce ejus ascéndet: et requiéscet super eum spíritus Dómini.

R. Deo grátias.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Ecce María génuit nobis Salvatórem, quem Joánnes videns exclamávit, dicens: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccáta mundi, allelúia.

Chapter (Eccl. xxiv.).

Ab inítio et ante sæcula creáta sum; et usque ad futúrum sæculum non désinam, et in habitatióne sancta coram ipso ministrávi.

R. Deo grátias.

Hymn.

Ave, maris stella,
Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper virgo,
Felix cœli porta.

Sumens illud Ave
Gabriélis ore,
Funda nos in pace,
Mutans Hevæ nomen.

Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen cæcis,
Mala nostra pelle,
Bona cuncta posce.

Monstra te esse matrem,
Sumat per te preces;
Qui pro nobis natus,
Tulit esse tuus.

Virgo singuláris,
Inter omnes mitis,
Nos culpis solútos,
Mites fac et castos.

Vitam præsta puram,
Iter para tutum,
Ut vidéntes Jesum
Semper collætémur.

Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summo Christo decus,
Spirítui sancto,
Tribus honor unus.
Amen.

V. Diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. (Allelúia.)

R. Proptérea benedíxit te Deus in ætérnum. (Allelúia.)

During the year:

Ant. Beáta Mater.

During Advent:

Ant. Spíritus sanctus.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Magnum hæreditátis mystérium!

During Paschal time:

Ant. Regína cœli.

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin (Luke i.):

Magníficat * ánima mea Dóminum.

Et exultávit spíritus meus * in Deo salutári meo.

Quia respéxit humilitátem ancíllæ suæ: * ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericórdia ejus a progénie in progénies * timéntibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo: * dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui.

Depósuit poténtes de sede, * et exaltávit húmiles.

Esuriéntes implévit bonis: * et dívites dimísit inánes.

Suscépit Israel púerum suum, * recordátus misericórdiæ suæ.

Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros: * Abraham, et sémini ejus in sæcula.

Glória Patri.

Ant. Beáta Mater, et intácta Virgo, gloriósa Regína mundi, intercéde pro nobis ad Dóminum.

During Paschal time:

Ant. Regína cœli, lætáre, allelúia;
Quia quem meruísti portáre, allel.;
Resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.
V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exaudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Concéde nos fámulos tuos, quæsumus, Dómine Deus, perpétua méntis et córporis sanitáte gaudére: et gloriósa beátæ Maríæ semper vírginis intercessióne, a præsénti liberári tristítia, et ætérna pérfrui lætítia. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Then the Commemorations of the Saints are made as at Lauds.

During Advent:

Ant. Spíritus sanctus in te descéndet, María: ne tímeas, habébis in útero Fílium Dei, allelúia.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beátæ Maríæ Vírginis útero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiánte, carnem suscípere voluísti; præsta supplícibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitrícem Dei crédimus, ejus apud te intercessiónibus adjuvemur. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Commemoration of all the Saints: Ant. "Ecce Dominus," &c., and the others as at Lauds.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam, &c.

From Christmas to the Purification:

Ant. Magnum hæreditátis mystérium! templum Dei factus est úterus nesciéntis virum: non est pollútus ex ea carnem assúmens: omnes gentes vénient, dicéntes: Glória tibi, Dómine.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salútis ætérnæ, beátæ Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti; tríbue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum.

R. Amen.

Then follows the Commemoration of all the Saints, with the Antiphon, "Sancti Dei," &c., as at Lauds.

When Compline is not said immediately after Vespers, one of the four Hymns or Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin is said, according to the season.

COMPLINE.

The President:

Ave, María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum.

The Choir answer:

Benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventris tui Jesus. Sancta María, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatóribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

The President:

Convérte nos, Deus, salutáris noster.

R. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

V. Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde.

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

V. Glória Patri.

Allelúia, *or* Laus tibi, &c.

Psalm cxxviii.

Sæpe, expugnavérunt me a juventúte mea, * dicat nunc Israel.

Sæpe expugnavérunt me a juventúte mea: * étenim non potuérunt mihi.

Supra dorsum meum fabricavérunt peccatóres: * prolongavérunt iniquitátem suam.

Dóminus justus concídit cervíces peccatórum: * confundántur, et convertántur retrórsum omnes qui odérunt Sion.

Fiant sicut fœnum tectórum: * quod priúsquam evellátur, exáruit.

De quo non implévit manum suam, qui metit, * et sinum suum, qui manípulos cólligit.

Et non dixérunt qui præteríbant: Benedíctio Dómini super vos: * benedíximus vobis in nómine Dómini.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxxix.

De profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómine: * Dómine, exáudi vocem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendéntes * in vocem deprecatiónis meæ.

Si iniquitátes observáveris, Dómine; * Dómine, quis sustinébit?

Quia apud te propitiátio est: * et propter legem tuam sustínui te, Dómine.

Sustínuit ánima mea in verbo ejus: * sperávit ánima mea in Dómino.

A custódia matutína usque ad noctem; * speret Israel in Dómino.

Quia apud Dóminum misericórdia: * et copiósa apud eum redémptio.

Et ipse rédimet Israel * ex ómnibus iniquitátibus ejus.

Glória Patri.

Psalm cxxx.

Dómine, non est exaltátum cor meum: * neque eláti sunt óculi mei.

Neque ambulávi in magnis, * neque in mirabílibus super me.

Si non humíliter sentiébam: * sed *exaltávi* ánimam meam.

Sicut ablactátus est super matre sua, * ita retribútio in ánima mea.

Speret Israel in Dómino, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

Glória Patri.

Hymn.

Meménto, rerum Cónditor,
Nostri quod olim córporis
Sacráta ab alvo Vírginis
Nascéndo formam súmpseris.

María Mater grátiæ,
Dulcis parens cleméntiæ,
Tu nos ab hoste prótege,
Et mortis hora súscipe.

Jesu, tibi sit glória,
Qui natus es de Vírgine,
Cum Patre et almo Spíritu,
In sempitérna sæcula.
Amen.

During the year, and from Christmas to the Purification, the one who presides will say the following Chapter :

Ego Mater pulchræ dilectiónis, et timóris, et agnitiónis, et sanctæ spei.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Génitrix. (Allelúia.)

R. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi. (Allelúia.)

During Advent:

Chapter (Isaias vii.).

Ecce Virgo concípiet, et páriet filium, et vocábitur nomen ejus Emmánuel. Bútyrum et mel cómedet, ut sciat reprobáre malum, et elígere bonum.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Angelus Dómini nuntiávit Maríæ.

R. Et concépit de Spíritu sancto.

During Advent:

Ant. Sub tuum præsídium.

During Paschal time:

Ant. Regína cœli.

During Advent:

Ant. Spíritus sanctus.

From Christmas to the Purification :

Ant. Magnum hæreditátis mystérium.

The Song of Simeon (Luke ii.).

Nunc dimíttis servum tuum, Dómine, * secúndum verbum tuum in pace ;
Quia vidérunt óculi mei * salutáre tuum,
Quod parásti * ante fáciem ómnium populórum,
Lumen ad revelatiónem géntium, * et glóriam plebis tuæ Israel.
Glória Patri.

Ant. Sub tuum præsídium confúgimus, sancta Dei Génitrix : nostras deprecatiónes ne despícias in necessitátibus nostris ; sed a perículis cunctis líbera nos semper, Virgo gloriósa et benedícta.

During Paschal time :

Ant. Regína cœli, lætáre, allelúia ;

Quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia;
Resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

The President:

V. Kyrie, eléison.
R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.
V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Beátæ et gloriósæ semper vírginis Maríæ, quæsumus, Dómine, intercéssio gloriósa nos prótegat, et ad vitam perdúcat ætérnam. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.
V. Dómine, exáudi, &c.

During Advent:

Ant. Spíritus sanctus in te descéndet, María : ne tímeas, habébis in útero Fílium Dei, allelúia.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eleison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beátæ Maríæ, Virginis útero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiánte, carnem suscípere voluísti ; præsta supplícibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitrícem Dei crédimus, ejus apud te intercessiónibus adjuvémur. Per eúmdem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi, &c.

From Christmas to the Purification :

Ant. Magnum hæreditátis mystérium! templum Dei factus est úterus nesciéntis virum: non est pollútus ex ea carnem assúmens: omnes gentes vénient, dicéntes: Glória tibi, Dómine.

V. Kyrie, eléison.

R. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salútis ætérnæ, beátæ Maríæ virginitáte fœcúnda, humáno géneri præmia præstitísti; tríbue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercédere sentiámus, per quam merúimus auctórem vitæ suscípere Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

V. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.
V. Benedicámus Dómino.
R. Deo grátias.

The President will give the Benediction.

Benedícat et custódiat nos omnípotens et misericors Dóminus, Pater, et Fílius, et Spíritus sanctus.
R. Amen.

Then will be said or sung one of the four Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin, as at Lauds.

After the Antiphon of the Blessed Virgin, the Office will close with the recitation of the "Pater Noster," "Ave Maria," and "Credo," in a low voice.

TIPHONS, VERSICLES, AND PRAYERS

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS OF THE ORDER.

JANUARY.

14. B. Bernard of Corleon, Confessor.

t. Hic vir despiciens
um, et terrena tri-
ans, divitias cœlo
lit ore, manu.

Ant. This man despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

Justum deduxit Do-
s per vias rectas.
Et ostendit illi reg-
Dei.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

us, qui beatum Ber-
m confessorem tuum
a charitate, et ad-
ili pœnitentia clarere
: ejus nobis inter-
ne concede te super
toto cordis affectu
e, et dignos pœni-
fructus facere.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast made the blessed Bernard, Thy confessor, illustrious for deeds of heroic charity and wonderful penance; grant us, through his intercession, to love Thee with our whole heart and above all things, and to bring forth worthy fruits of penance.

16. SS. BERARDUS AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis animæ sanctorum, qui Christi vestigia sunt secuti: et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum fuderunt, ideo cum Christo exultant sine fine.

V. Exultabunt sancti in gloria.

R. Lætabuntur in cubilibus suis.

Oremus.

Largire nobis, quæsumus, Domine, beatis martyribus tuis Berardo, Petro, Accursio, Adjuto et Othone intercedentibus, cœlestia semper et Christum amare: quorum glorioso martyrio Ordinis Minorum initia consecrasti.

Ant. The souls of the saints, who followed the footsteps of Christ, rejoice in heaven; and because they shed their blood for his love, therefore do they exult with Christ, world without end.

V. The saints shall rejoice in glory.

R. And shall be joyful upon their beds.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that, through the intercession of thy blessed martyrs Berard, Peter, Accursius, Adjutus, and Otho, by whose glorious martyrdom Thou hast consecrated the first-fruits of the Order of Minors, we may always love heavenly things and Christ.

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28. B. MATTHEW OF AGRIGENTUM, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR.

Ant. Amavit eum Dominus, et ornavit eum:

Ant. The Lord loved him and adorned him: he

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rtas paradisi coro-
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stum deduxit Do-
er vias rectas.
; ostendit illi reg-
i.

clothed him with a robe of glory, and crowned him at the gates of paradise.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

quæsumus, omni-
eus, interveniente
atthæo confessore
ue pontifice, ut
e sanctissimi no-
ilii tui Jesu amore
, ita nos eodem
studeamus calcare
et amare cœlestia.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that as blessed Matthew, Thy confessor and bishop, burnt with the love of the most holy name of Thy Son Jesus, so we, through his intercession being inflamed with the same love, may despise earthly things, and love those which are heavenly.

. St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti, Virgin.

Veni, sponsa
accipe coronam,
bi Dominus præ-
in æternum.

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

ffusa est gratia in
is.
opterea benedixit
in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatam Hyacintham Virginem tuam jugis mortificationis et charitatis victimam effecisti, ejus nobis exemplo, et intercessione concede; ut peccata nostra deflere, et te semper diligere valeamus.	O God, who madest blessed Hyacintha, Thy virgin, a victim of continual mortification and charity; grant us, through her example and intercession, worthily to lament our own sins, and to continue steadfast in Thy love.

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31. B. Louisa of Albertoni, Widow.

Ant. Manum suam aperuit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit.	*Ant.* She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

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R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

s, qui beatæ Ludoter cæteras egregias insignem vereque ırem erga Christi es charitatis prææam misericorditer sti: concede nobis tuis, ejus suffraıs meritis, caritaua te super omnia rdis affectu diligere ıus.

Let us pray.

O God, who, amongst the excellent gifts with which Thou didst favour the blessed Louisa, granted her a great tenderness and a singular compassion for the poor; grant us, we beseech Thee, through her merits, that ardent charity by which to love Thee above all things.

FEBRUARY.

. B. ANDREW, COUNT OF SEGNI, CONFESSOR.

Hic vir despiciens ım, et terrena trins, divitias cœlo it ore, manu.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

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t ostendit illi regei.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.
R. And showed him the glory of God.

Oremus.

tes et corpora nosementissime Deus, Andreæ confessoris

Let us pray

O most merciful God, by virtue of the merits of blessed Andrew, Thy con-tui suffragantibus meritis, ab omni malorum spirituum incursione defende, ne quos ad pœnam sibi comites quærunt, eos ad crimen suum faciant errore participes.

fessor, defend our souls and bodies from all attacks of evil spirits, that they may not make those partakers of their crime, whom they seek to have as companions in their punishment.

3. B. Oderic of Pordenone, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui, ut multos Orientis populos ad Ecclesiæ sinum perduceres, beatum Odericum invicta animi fortitudine in maximis laboribus roborasti: respice propitius ad animos diabolica fraude deceptos, ut meritis ipsius gloriosis a suis tenebris eruantur.

Let us pray.

O God, who, that Thou mightest draw many people of the East into the bosom of the Church, didst strengthen blessed Oderic with an invincible fortitude in the midst of the greatest labours; mercifully look upon the souls deceived by the fraud of the devil, that through the merits of the same blessed Oderic they may be delivered from their blindness.

4. St. Joseph of Leonissa, Confessor.

Antiphon, Hic vir, &c., *as on the 1st of February.*

V. Ora pro nobis, beate *Joseph.*

V. Pray for us, O blessed Joseph.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Deus, fidelium remunerator servorum, qui beatum Josephum eximium in evangelica prædicatione operarium effecisti: ejus, quæsumus, intercessione concede, ut a grato tibi servitio numquam cessemus in terris, et plenam a te mercedem recipiamus in cœlis.

Let us pray.

O God, the rewarder of Thy faithful servants, who didst make blessed Joseph an excellent preacher of the gospel; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his intercession we may never cease from gratefully serving Thee on earth, and may receive from Thee a full reward in heaven.

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5. SS. Peter Baptist and Companions, Martyrs.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis animæ sanctorum, qui Christi vestigia sunt secuti: et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum fuderunt, ideo cum Christo exultant sine fine.

Ant. The souls of the saints, who followed the footsteps of Christ, rejoice in heaven; and, because they shed their blood for His love, therefore do they exult with Christ, world without end.

V. Exultabunt sancti in gloria.

R. Lætabuntur in cubilibus suis.

V. The saints shall rejoice in glory.

R. And shall be joyful upon their beds.

Oremus.

Deus, qui primitias fi-

Let us pray.

O God, who hast

dei apud Japponiæ gentes beatorum martyrum Petri Baptistæ, et sociorum ejus, sanguine dedicasti: concede propitius, ut ad tui nominis confessionem, quorum excitamur exemplis, eorum precibus adjuvemur.	**strengthened the first-fruits of the faith among the people of Japan by the blood of Thy blessed martyrs St. Peter Baptist and his companions; mercifully grant, that as we are stirred up by their example to confess Thy name, so we may also be assisted by their prayers.**

7. B. ANTHONY OF STRONCONIO, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, **Hic vir, &c.,** *as on the first day of the month.*

Oremus.	**Let us pray.**
Familiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, beati Antonii confessoris tui intercessione custodi: ut a cunctis adversitatibus, ipso intercedente, sit libera, et in bonis actibus tuo nomini sit devota.	**Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy family through the intercession of the blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, that it may be free from all adversities, and devoted in good works to the glory of Thy name.**

11. B. VIRIDIN, VIRGIN.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.	*Ant.* **Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.**

At Lauds :

Diffusa est gratia in tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
Propterea benedixit us in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers :

Specie tua et pul- idine tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
Intende, prospere de, et regna.	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
us, qui in famula tua ana cum virginitatis nirabiles pœnitentiæ s conjunxisti; tribue qnæsumus, ut ejus is et precibus pœni- lacrymis abluti, i in conspectu tuo ntari mereamur.	O God, who in Thy servant Viridin didst unite the flower of virginity with the wonderful fruits of penance; grant us, we beseech Thee, that through her merits and prayers we being cleansed by the tears of penance, may be made worthy to be presented pure in Thy sight.

18. B. ANGELA OF FOLIGNO, WIDOW.

. Manum suam ape- iopi, et palmas suas lit ad pauperem, et ı otiosa non comedit.	*Ant.* She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds :

Diffusa est gratia in tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, dulcedo cordium et lumen beatorum, qui beatam Angelam famulam tuam mira rerum cœlestium contemplatione recreasti: concede, ut ipsius meritis et intercessione ita te cognoscamus in terris, ut in revelatione sempiternæ gloriæ tuæ gaudere mereamur in cœlis.	O God, the consolation of our hearts and the light of the blessed, who didst accord to Thy servant, the blessed Angela, the delights of contemplation; grant us, by her merits and intercession, to know Thee in such a way on earth, that we may desire to rejoice eternally in heaven in the enjoyment of the glory Thou hast revealed.

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15. Translation of St. Anthony of Padua.

Ant. Glorificasti, Domine, servum tuum: propter eum facis magnalia; nomen tuum, Domine, magnificetur.	*Ant.* Thou hast glorified Thy servant, O Lord: Thou dost wonderful things through him; may Thy name be magnified, O Lord.
V. Ora pro nobis, beate Antoni.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Anthony.

Ut digni efficiamur
issionibus Christi.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

us, qui beatum An-
m confessorem tuum,
ia miraculorum gloria
rasti: concede propi-
ut qui annuam trans-
nis ejus memoriam
us, ipsius apud te
ciniis adjuvemur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst glorify blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, by wonderful miracles; mercifully grant that we, who celebrate the anniversary of his translation, may be aided by his patronage with Thee.

16. B. PHILIPPA MARERI, VIRGIN.

Antiphon and Versicle, Veni, sponsa, &c., *as on February* 11.

Oremus.

eus, qui beatam Phi-
m Virginem tuam
s coruscare facis mi-
lis; concede propitius,
mnes qui ejus devote
orant auxilium, peti-
s suæ salutarem con-
antur effectum.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst glorify blessed Philippa with wonderful miracles; mercifully grant that all who devoutly implore her assistance may obtain the salutary effect of their prayers.

19. ST. CONRAD OF PLAICENZIA, CONFESSOR.

nt. Hic vir, despiciens
dum, et terrena trium-
ns, divitias *cœlo* con-

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly didit ore, manu.

things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.
R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.
R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

Adesto, Domine, supplicationibus nostris, quas in beati Conradi confessoris tui solemnitate deferimus: ut qui nostræ justitiæ fiduciam non habemus, ejus qui tibi placuit, precibus adjuvemur.

Let us pray.

Give ear, O Lord, to our supplications, which we offer unto Thee in the solemnity of blessed Conrad, Thy confessor; that, as we trust not in our own justice, we may be aided by the prayers of him who was pleasing to Thee.

23. St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent.

Ant. Manum suam aperuit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit.

Ant. She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

Intende, prospere
e, et regna.

Oremus.

s, qui non vis mor-
ccatoris, sed ut ma-
vertatur, et vivat:
e propitius, ut sicut
. Margaritam ad
vote serviendum a
rum laqueis eripu-
a nos illius preci-
imitatione, culpâ-
actus liberati, pura
tibi servire valea-

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Let us pray.

O God, who willest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; mercifully grant that, as Thou didst snatch the blessed Margaret from the snares of sin to serve Thee devoutly, so we, being freed from errors through her intercession, and by imitating her, may serve Thee with a pure mind.

(if it be Leap-year, 26). B. SEBASTIAN OF THE APPARITION, CONFESSOR.

hon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on February* 19.

Oremus.

s, qui beatum Se-
um confessorem tu-
simplicitate cordis
re fecisti, ac cœ-
s donis cumulasti:
e propitius, ut ejus
sione, et puris men-
bi servire, et gratiæ
nera consequi va-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst cause blessed Sebastian, Thy confessor, to walk in simplicity of heart, and to abound in heavenly gifts; mercifully grant that, by his intercession, we may both serve Thee with pure minds, and obtain the gifts of Thy grace.

26 (leap-year, 27). B. Antoinette of Florence, Widow.

Antiphon and Versicle, Manum suam, &c., *as on February* 23.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatam Antoniam famulam tuam per omnes vitæ semitas ad te mirabiliter traduxisti, tribue, quæsumus, ut ejus meritis et examplis ad cœlestem patriam perducamur.	O God, who didst wonderfully lead the blessed Antoinette, Thy servant, through all the ways of life to Thee; grant, we beseech Thee, that, through her merits and example, we may be conducted to Thy heavenly kingdom.

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27 (leap-year, 28). B. Jane of Valois, Widow.

Antiphon and Versicle, Manum, &c., *as on February* 23.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui ad imitandum beatæ Virginis Filii tui Genitricis virtutes novum per beatam Joannam sacrarum virginum cœtum institui voluisti; ejus meritis precibusque concede ut per eadem gradiamur virtutum exempla.	O God, by whose will a new congregation of holy virgins was instituted by blessed Jane to follow the pattern of virtue shown in the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Thy Son; grant that through her merits and prayers, we may walk in the footsteps of the same virtues.

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28 (leap-year, 29). B. Thomas of Cora, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on February* 19.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Tho-	O God, who didst adorn

tuo amore succen-
interiori mortifica-
et eximia in proxi-
dilectione decorasti,
neritis precibusque
le, ut nosmetipsos
abnegantes, et cha-
opera jugiter exe-
s, æterna præmia
ui mereamur.

blessed Thomas, all on fire with Thy love, with the spirit of interior mortification and a wonderful love of his neighbour; mercifully grant that, through his merits and prayers, denying ourselves for Thy sake, and continually performing deeds of charity, we may be found worthy to obtain the rewards of everlasting life.

MARCH.

1. B. Mathia Nazarei, Virgin.

. Veni, sponsa
i, accipe coronam
tibi Dominus præ-
t in æternum.

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

Diffusa est gratia in
tuis.
Propterea benedixit
ıs in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

Specie tua et pul-
dine tua.
Intende, prospere
le, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

nine *Jesu Christe,*

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ,

qui beatam Mathiam, virginem tuam, ad tibi caste et pie serviendum uberibus donis attraxisti: ejus, quæsumus, intercessione concede, ut, casto corde tibi adhærentes, æternam gloriæ coronam consequamur.

who by abundant gifts didst cause blessed Mathia, Thy virgin, to serve Thee with a chaste and pious mind; grant, we beseech Thee, that, through her intercession, we may cleave to thee with pure hearts, and obtain an everlasting crown of glory.

2. B. Eustochia, Virgin.

Antiphon and Versicle, Veni, sponsa, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Omnipotens et misericors Deus, qui vitam beatæ Eustochii, virginis tuæ, cum Christo absconditam mirabiliter clarificasti, ejus precibus et imitatione concede, ut in hoc sæculo pariter consepulti ad vitam resurgere mereamur æternam.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, who didst wonderfully glorify the life of blessed Eustochia, Thy virgin, hidden with Christ; grant that, through her prayers and by imitating her, we, being also dead to this world, may be found worthy to rise to everlasting life.

3. B. Rizzerius, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens *mundum,* et terrena tri-

Ant. This man, despising the world, and tri-

hans, divitias cœlo idit ore, manu.

Justum deduxit Dois per vias rectas.

Et ostendit illi reg- Dei.

Oremus.

nnipotens et misericDeus, qui beato Riz- confessori tuo donum ionum contulisti, trinobis, quæsumus, ut lem intercessione ab bus malis expediti, iam gloriæ consequi amur.

umphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, who didst confer upon blessed Rizzerius, Thy confessor, the gift of healing; grant us, we beseech Thee, that, being freed from all evils, we may be found worthy to obtain a crown of glory.

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5. ST. JOHN JOSEPH OF THE CROSS, CONFESSOR.

ntiphon, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Ora pro nobis, beate nes Joseph.

Ut digni efficiamur issionibus Christi.

Oremus.

us, qui beatum Joan- Josephum confesn tuum per arduas ertatis, humilitatis,

V. Pray for us, O blessed John Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the arduous ways of poverty, humility, and patience didst exalt blessed

et patientiæ vias cœlesti gloria sublimasti: da nobis, quæsumus, ut carne mortificati ejus imitemur exempla, et gaudiis perfruamur æternis.

John Joseph, Thy confessor, to celestial glory; grant us, we beseech Thee, that by mortifying the flesh we may imitate his example, and be made partakers of everlasting joys.

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6. St. Colette, Virgin.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui beatam Coletam sponsam tuam innumeris dotibus decorasti; tribue, quæsumus, ut quo spiritu Sera-

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst enrich with many gifts the blessed Colette, Thy spouse; make us, we beseech Thee, wor-

m regulam pristinæ
ati restituit, eodem
reformari mereamur.

thy to be reformed by the same spirit which inspired her to restore the rule of the Seraphic Francis to its first purity.

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9. St. Frances, Widow.

t. Manum suam ape-
nopi, et palmas suas
dit ad pauperem, et
n otiosa non comedit.

Ant. She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

Diffusa est gratia in
tuis.
Propterea benedixit
us in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

Specie tua et pul-
adine tua.
Intende, prospera
de, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

us, qui beatam Fran-
m famulam tuam
cætera gratiæ tuæ
familiari angeli con-
dine decorasti; con-
quæsumus, ut inter-
onis ejus auxilio, an-
um consortium con-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst honour blessed Frances, Thy servant, among other gifts of Thy grace, with the familiar presence of an angel; grant, we beseech Thee, that by the help of her intercession we may merit

sequi mereamur.	to be admitted into the society of angels.

11. St. Catherine of Bologna, Virgin.

Antiphon and Versicle, Veni, sponsa, &c., *as on March* 6.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Concede nos famulos tuos, Deus, beatæ Catharinæ virginis suffragiis adjuvari, cujus odore unguentorum trahimur ad tua sancta lætantes.	Grant that we Thy servants, O God, may be aided by the prayers of blessed Catherine, Thy virgin, by the odour of whose sanctity we are with gladness attracted to Thy holy places.

13. B. Roger of Todi, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.	*Ant.* This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.
V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.	*V.* The Lord led the just through right ways.
R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.	*R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui seraphico famulo tuo Francisco beatum *Rogerium* et soci-	O God, who didst cause blessed Roger to be a distinguished associate and

et imitatorem exi- ı adjunxisti: da no- ıtriusque interventu rum ita sequi ves- ut assequamur et ia.

imitator of Thy seraphic servant St. Francis; grant us, by their intercession, so to follow the footsteps of both, that we may also attain their rewards.

t. TRANSLATION OF ST. BONAVENTURA, BISHOP, CONFESSOR, AND DOCTOR.

t. O doctor optime, siæ sanctæ lumen, Bonaventura, divinæ amator, deprecare obis Filium Dei.

Ant. O illustrious doctor, thou light of the Holy Church, blessed Bonaventura, thou lover of the divine law, intercede with the Son of God for us.

Justum deduxit Do- s per vias rectas.
Et ostendit illi reg- Dei.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.
R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

us, qui Ecclesiæ tuæ m Bonaventuram ssorem tuum atque icem, doctorem mi- m tribuisti: concede ius, ut apud te hunc semper intercesso- abere mereatur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst give unto Thy Church blessed Bonaventura, Thy confessor and bishop, to be a wonderful teacher; mercifully grant that we may be found worthy to have him ever for an intercessor with Thee.

16. B. Peter of Sienna, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on March* 13.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Mentis nostræ, quæsumus, Domine, superbiam sanctæ humilitatis spiritu deprime, qui cœlestibus illustrationibus beati Petri confessoris tui humilitatem mirabiliter sublimasti.	O God, who by heavenly illuminations didst wonderfully exalt the humility of blessed Peter, Thy confessor; keep down, we beseech Thee, the pride of our hearts by the spirit of the same holy humility.

18. B. Salvator of Horta, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on March* 13.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Concede, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus, ut beati Salvatoris confessoris tui memoriam recolentes: ipsius intercessione a cunctis malis liberemur in terris, et ad gaudia sempiterna pervenire mereamur in cœlis.	Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that honouring the memory of blessed Salvator, Thy confessor, we may through his intercession be freed from all evils upon earth, and be found worthy to attain everlasting joy in heaven.

20. B. John of Parma, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on March* 13.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui ad nominis	O God, who for the glory

tui gloriam promovendam beato Joanni confessori invictam spiritus fortitudinem contulisti; concede nobis, ut dextera potentiæ tuæ adjuti ad cœlestis gloriæ triumphum pervenire mereamur.

of Thy name didst confer upon blessed John, Thy confessor, an invincible fortitude of spirit; grant us that, being aided by the right hand of Thy power, we may be found worthy to attain the triumph of Thy heavenly glory.

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22. St. Benvenuto, Bishop.

Ant. Amavit eum Dominus, et ornavit eum: stolam gloriæ induit eum, et ad portas paradisi coronavit eum. (*In Paschal time*, Alleluia.)

Ant. The Lord loved him, and adorned him; He clothed him with a robe of glory, and crowned him at the gates of paradise. (*In Paschal time*, Alleluia.)

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. (Alleluia.)

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. (Alleluia.)

V. The Lord led the just through right ways. (Alleluia.)

R. And showed him the kingdom of God. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Benvenutum confessorem tuum atque pontificem pastorali sollicitudine jugiter vigilare tribuisti: concede, quæsumus, ut ejus interventione, quæ *nobis* agen-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst grant to blessed Benvenuto, Thy confessor and bishop, continually to watch over his flock with pastoral care; grant, we beseech Thee, that through his intercession we da præcipis exequentes, ad gloriæ tuæ fastigium feliciter perducamur.

may perform what Thou commandest us to do, and may be happily conducted to the height of Thy glory.

24. B. Bentivoglio of Bonis, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu. (Alleluia.)

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed. (Alleluia.)

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. (Alleluia.)

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. (Alleluia.)

V. The Lord led the just through right ways. (Alleluia.)

R. And showed him the kingdom of God. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Deus, qui gloriam tuam in beati Bentivolii confessoris prædicatione et miraculis revelasti, concede propitius, ut ejus meritis et intercessione ad contemplandam speciem tuæ celsitudinis perducamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst manifest Thy glory by the preaching and miracles of blessed Bentivoglio, Thy confessor; mercifully grant, that through his merits and intercession we may be conducted to the vision of Thy majesty.

27. B. PELERINO OF FALERONA, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle as on the preceding day.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Omnipotens et misericors Deus, qui nobis in beato Pelerino confessore tuo insigne humilitatis exemplar tribuisti, præsta, quæsumus, ut ipsius vestigiis inhærentes in terris, promissa humilibus præmia consequamur.	Almighty and merciful God, who in blessed Pelerino, Thy confessor, hast given us a wonderful example of humility; grant, we beseech Thee, that following in his footsteps on earth we may attain the rewards which Thou hast promised to the lowly.

28. B. MARK OF MONTE GALLO, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on March* 24.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui per beatum Marcum, confessorem tuum, ad tui et proximi amorem fideles excitasti, quæsumus, ut ejus precibus et meritis charitatis opera jugiter exercere mereamur.	O God, who through blessed Mark, Thy confessor, didst enkindle in the hearts of the faithful a love of Thee and their neighbour; we beseech Thee, that by their prayers and merits we may be made worthy continually to practise works of charity.

29. B. PAULINA OF GAMBARA-COSTA, WIDOW.

Ant. Manum suam ape-	*Ant.* She opened her

ruit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit. (Alleluia.)	hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle. (Alleluia.)

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis. (Alleluia.)	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips. (Alleluia.)
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum. (Alleluia.)	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. (Alleluia.)

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua. (Alleluia.)	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty. (Alleluia.)
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna. (Alleluia.)	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine Jesu, qui beatam Paulam tuæ crucis imitatione in via sanctitatis perfecisti, ejus meritis et exemplo concede, ita nos hujus vitæ ærumnas tolerare, ut in hora exitus nostri crucis amplexu consolemur.	O God, who didst perfect blessed Paulina by following Thy cross in the way of holiness; grant us, by her merits and example, so to bear the losses of this life, that in the hour of our departure we may find consolation by clinging to Thy cross.

30. B. AMEDEUS IX., DUKE OF SAVOY, CONFESSOR.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu. (*In Paschal time*, Alleluia.)	*Ant.* This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed. (*In Paschal time*, Alleluia.)
V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. (Alleluia.)	*V.* The Lord led the just through right ways. (Alleluia.)
R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. (Alleluia.)	*R.* And showed him the kingdom of God. (Alleluia.)
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Amedæum confessorem tuum de terreno principatu ad cœlestem gloriam transtulisti, da nobis, quæsumus, ut ejus meritis et imitatione sic transeamus per bona temporalia, ut non amittamus æterna.	O God, who didst translate blessed Amadeus, Thy confessor, from an earthly kingdom to Thy glory in heaven; grant us, we beseech Thee, that through his merits and by imitating him, we may so pass through temporal goods, that we lose not those which are eternal.

APRIL.

3. ST. BENEDICT OF PHILADELPHIA, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Bene-	O God, who didst en-

dictum confessorem tuum cœlestibus donis locupletasti, eumque in Ecclesia tua signis et virtutibus clarere fecisti: præsta, quæsumus, ut ejus meritis, et precibus tua beneficia capiamus.	rich blessed Benedict, Thy confessor, with heavenly gifts, and didst make him illustrious in Thy Church by his miracles and virtues; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his merits and prayers we may obtain Thy blessings.

6. B. Jane of Signa, Virgin.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum. (Alleluia.)	*Ant.* Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity. (Alleluia.)

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis. (Alleluia.)	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips. (Alleluia.)
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum. (Alleluia.)	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. (Alleluia.)

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua. (Alleluia.)	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty. (Alleluia.)
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna. (Alleluia.)	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. (Alleluia.)
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, simplicitatis ama-	O God, the Lover and

tor et custos, qui nativitatem Filii tui pastoribus primitus revelasti, et in beata Joanna pastoralis innocentiæ nova exempla monstrasti, ejus precibus concede famulis tuis, simplicitatem et innocentiam cordis ejus jugiter æmulari.

Guardian of simplicity, who didst reveal the birth of Thy Son first to shepherds, and in blessed Jane didst exhibit new examples of pastoral innocence; grant to Thy servants that through her prayers they may emulate the same simplicity and innocence of heart.

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8. B. Julian of St. Augustin, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu. (Alleluia.)

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed. (Alleluia.)

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. (Alleluia.)

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. (Alleluia.)

V. The Lord led the just through right ways. (Alleluia.)

R. And showed him the kingdom of God. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Julianum confessorem tuum per humilitatis et innocentiæ semitas ad cœlestis gloriæ fastigium perduxisti, *fac nos per ejus* ves-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst conduct blessed Julian, Thy confessor, through the paths of holiness and innocence to the height of heavenly glory; make us, by tigia gradientes superbe non sapere, et ad te puris mentibus pervenire.

following in his footsteps, not to be proudly wise, but with pure hearts to come to Thee.

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12. B. Angel of Civasso, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui ad expugnandos Ecclesiæ tuæ hostes beatum Angelum confessorem tuum invicta animi fortitudine roborasti: ejus nobis meritis et intercessione concede, ut omnium hostium superatis insidiis, perpetua pace lætemur.

Let us pray.

O God, who for conquering the enemies of Thy Church didst strengthen blessed Angel, Thy confessor, with an invincible fortitude of mind; grant to us by his merits and intercession, that, all the snares of our enemies being overcome, we may rejoice in perpetual peace.

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15. B. Luchesius, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as on April* 8.

Oremus.

Dives in misericordia Deus, qui beatum Luchesium ad pœnitentiam evocatum, pietatis et misericordiæ meritis clarere voluisti: da nobis ejus intercessione et exemplo

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, who didst call forth blessed Luchesius to penance, and wast pleased to make him illustrious in the merits of piety and mercy; grant us, through his in-

dignos facere pœnitentiæ fructus, et indulgentiam tuam pietatis et charitatis operibus promereri,	tercession and example, to bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and by works of piety and charity to merit Thy pardon.

16. B. Peter of Treia, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as on April* 8.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Petrum confessorem tuum cœlestibus donis cumulasti, præsta, quæsumus, ut ejus patrocinio gaudeamus in terris, et gloriæ consortio perfruamur in cœlis.	O God, who didst enrich blessed Peter, Thy confessor, with heavenly gifts; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may rejoice in his patronage on earth, and enjoy the participation of his glory in heaven.

18. B. Francis of Fabriano, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on April* 8.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus, ut sicut beatus Franciscus verbi tui præco, ita fecit et docuit, ut magnus esse meruerit in regno cœlorum; nos quoque ejus precibus et imitatione, tibi jugiter verbis et operibus placare studeamus.	Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that, as blessed Francis, a preacher of Thy word, so acted and taught as to merit to be great in the kingdom of heaven, we also may continually endeavour to appease Thee by word and deed.

20. B. Conrad of Ascoli, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on April* 8.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Conradum dolorum Jesu Christi Filii tui jugi meditatione mirabilem effecisti, ejus nobis intercessione concede, ut crucis mortificationem in corde nostro portare et vitam consequi mereamur æternam.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst make blessed Conrad the wonder of all times by his continual meditation on the sorrows of Thy Son Jesus Christ; grant us by his intercession that, mortifying our hearts by bearing the cross, we may merit to attain to everlasting life.

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21. B. Andrew Hibernon, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on April* 8.

Oremus.

Deus qui beatum Andream confessorem tuum admirabilis innocentiæ et contemplationis munere decorasti, ejus nobis precibus concede, ut inter mundi illecebras et pericula, tibi uni toto corde adhærare valeamus.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn blessed Andrew, Thy confessor, with the gift of wonderful innocence and contemplation; grant us, by his prayers, that, amidst the enticements and dangers of the world, we may with our whole heart cleave only unto Thee.

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23. B. Giles of Assisi, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on April* 8.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Ægi-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouchdium confessorem tuum ad excelsæ contemplationis verticem sublimare dignatus es: ipsius intercessione concede, ut actionibus nostris in te semper intenti, pacem, quæ exsuperat omnem sensum, consequamur.

safe to exalt blessed Giles, Thy confessor, to a supreme height of contemplation; grant, by his intercession, that, directing all our actions to Thee, we may attain that peace which passeth all understanding.

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24. ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, MARTYR.

Ant. Sancti et justi, in Domino gaudete, alleluia: vos elegit Deus in hæreditatem sibi. Alleluia.

Ant. O ye holy and just ones, rejoice ye in the Lord, alleluia: God hath chosen you unto Himself for an inheritance. Alleluia.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Fidelis. Alleluia.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi. Alleluia.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Fidelis. Alleluia.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Fidelem seraphico spiritus ardore succensum in veræ fidei propagatione, martyrii palma et gloriosis miraculis decorare dignatus es, ejus, quæsumus, meritis et intercessione ita nos per *gratiam tuam* in

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouchsafe to inflame blessed Fidelis with a seraphic ardour of spirit, and to adorn him with the palm of martyrdom in the propagation of the true faith, and with glorious miracles; we beseech Thee, fide et charitate confirma, ut in servitio tuo fideles usque ad mortem inveniri mereamur.

through his merits and intercession, so to confirm us by Thy grace in faith and love, that we may merit to be found faithful in Thy service even unto death.

27. B. JAMES OF BITECTO, CONFESSOR.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu. Alleluia.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed. Alleluia.

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. Alleluia.

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. Alleluia.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways. Alleluia.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

Oremus.

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus, ut qui beati Jacobi confessoris tui merita præclara recolimus, ejus virtutes æmulemur in terris, et gloriæ coronam cum ipso consequamur in cœlis.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who honour the glorious merits of blessed James, Thy confessor, may so emulate his virtues on earth, as to attain with him a crown of glory in heaven.

MAY.

11. B. BENVENUTO OF REGANATI, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Largire, misericors Deus, ut dum beati Benvenuti memoriam colimus, humilitatis et devotionis ejus vestigia sectemur in terris, ac tecum beatam mansionem ejusdem intercessione teneamus in cœlis.	O merciful God, grant that, whilst we celebrate the memory of blessed Benvenuto, we may also follow the footsteps of his humility and devotion on earth, and obtain by his intercession a blessed mansion with Thee in heaven.

13. ST. PETER REGALATE, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on April* 27.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui dilectum famulum tuum Petrum carne mortificatum ad delicias gloriæ tuæ assumere dignatus es: concede propitius, ut ad delectationes, quæ in dextera tua sunt usque in finem, meritis ejus et intercessione pervenire valeamus.	O God, who didst vouchsafe to receive Thy beloved servant Peter, through mortification of the flesh, to the delights of Thy glory; mercifully grant, that through his merits and intercession we may arrive at those joys which are ever at Thy right hand.

14. B. Gerard of Villamagna, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on April* 27.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per jugem Filii tui passionis memoriam beatum Gherardum confessorem tuum altissimæ contemplationis et pœnitentiæ studio decorasti, da nobis famulis tuis, ut, ejus vestigiis inhærentes, redemptionis præmia consequi valeamus.

Let us pray.

O God, who by a continual remembrance of the Passion of Thy Son didst adorn blessed Gerard, Thy confessor, with a desire of the highest contemplation and penitence; grant to us Thy servants that, following in his footsteps, we may attain the rewards of our redemption.

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17. St. Pascal Baylon, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu. Alleluia.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Paschalis. Alleluia.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi. Alleluia.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed. Alleluia.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Pascal. Alleluia.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Paschalem confessorem tuum mirifica erga corporis et

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn blessed Pascal, Thy confessor, with a wondrous sanguinis tui sacra mysteria dilectione decorasti, concede propitius, ut quam ille ex hoc divino convivio spiritus percepit pinguedinem, eamdem et nos percipere mereamur.

love towards the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood; mercifully grant that we may deserve to see what he saw in this divine banquet, the very life and nourishment of his soul.

18. ST. FELIX OF CANTALICIUS, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Felix. Alleluia.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi. Alleluia.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Felix. Alleluia.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Felicem confessorem tuum evangelica simplicitate vitæque innocentia in Ecclesia tua clarescere voluisti; fac nos ejus exemplis eruditos et suffragiis adjutos, ad Christum Jesum, quem ipse in terris inter ulnas accepit, feliciter pervenire.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose will blessed Felix, Thy confessor, shone forth in Thy Church with evangelical simplicity and innocency of life; grant that we, instructed by his example and aided by his prayers, may happily attain to Jesus Christ, whom he received in his arms on earth.

20. ST. BERNARDIN OF SIENNA, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon, Hic vir, &c., *as on May* 17.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Bernardin. (*Alleluia.*)

V. Pray for us, O blessed Bernardin. (Alleluia.)

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Domine Jesu, qui beato Bernardino confessori tuo eximium sancti nominis tui amorem tribuisti, ejus, quæsumus, meritis et intercessione, Spiritum nobis tuæ dilectionis benignus infunde.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. (Alleluia.)

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who didst vouchsafe to the blessed Bernardin an especial love of Thy holy name; mercifully pour into our hearts, by virtue of his merits and intercession, the spirit of Thy love.

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23. B. CRISPIN OF VITERBO, CONFESSOR.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu. (Alleluia.)

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. (Alleluia.)

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Crispinum confessorem tuum in lætitia tibi servientem ad virtutis apicem perduxisti: *da, quæ*sumus, ut ejus in*tercessione*, et exemplo vi-

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed. (Alleluia.)

V. The Lord led the just through right ways. (Alleluia.)

R. And showed him the kingdom of God. (Allel.)

Let us pray.

O God, who didst conduct blessed Crispin, Thy confessor, serving Thee joyfully, to the highest degree of virtue; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his

sectantes in terris,
voluptatis tuæ per-
reamur in cœlis.

intercession and example we may both follow the example of his life on earth, and may be found worthy to partake of the abundant joys of heaven.

NSLATION OF OUR SERAPHIC FATHER ST. FRANCIS.

Respice, beate Pa-
ncisce, de excelso
n habitaculo, et de-
pro populo tuo,
quem elegisti, ut
coram te omni tem-
ministerio sanctu-
mini. (Alleluia.)

Ant. Look down, O blessed Father Francis, from thy dwelling-place on high, and pray for thy people, whom thou hast chosen, that they may ever serve before thee in the ministry of the Lord's sanctuary. (Alleluia.)

ra pro nobis, beate
'rancisce. (Allel.)
Jt digni efficiamur
ionibus Christi.
a.)

V. Pray for us, O blessed Father Francis. (Allel.)

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

, qui translatio-
eati Patris nostri
ci gloriosis miracu-
rasti: præsta, quæ-
ut ejus meritis et
ne, mundo com-
ad vitam cum ipso
re mereamur æter-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn the translation of our blessed Father Francis with glorious miracles; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his merits, and by imitating him, we, being dead to the world, may be found worthy to rise with him to everlasting life.

rdinary Commemoration of St. Francis is omitted.

28. ST. FERDINAND III., KING OF CASTILLE, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on May* 23.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beato confessori tuo Ferdinando prælia prælia tua, et fidei inimicos superare dedisti, concede, ut ejus nos intercessione muniti, ab hostibus mentis et corporis liberemur.	O God, who didst give unto Thy blessed confessor Ferdinand to fight Thy battles, and to conquer the enemies of the faith; grant that, being strengthened by his intercession, we may be delivered, both in body and soul, from all our enemies.

29. B. HUMILIANA, WIDOW.

Ant. Manum suam aperuit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit. (Alleluia.)	*Ant.* She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle. (Alleluia.)

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis. (Alleluia.)	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips. (Alleluia.)
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum. (Alleluia.)	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. (Alleluia.)

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pul-	V. With thy comeliness

dine tua. (Alleluia.)

Intende, prospere de, et regna. (Alle-

and thy beauty. (Alleluia.)

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

nipotens sempiterne dulcedo cordium et ium beatorum, qui m Humilianam tuo succensam suaviscontemplationis dule replevisti: concede tius; ut ejus meritis itatione tibi jugiter rentes, tuæ celsitudipeciem contemplari tuo mereamur.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the consolation of our hearts, and the reward of the blessed, who didst grant to the blessed Humiliana, filled with Thy love, the delights of contemplation; grant us, by her merits and intercession, to love Thee always on earth, and to contemplate Thee for all eternity in heaven.

30. B. John of Prado, Martyr.

At Paschal time:

t. Sancti et justi, in no gaudete, alleluia; ligit Deus in hæredisibi. Alleluia.

Pretiosa in conspectu ni. Alleluia.
Mors sanctorum ejus. ia.

Ant. O ye holy and just men, rejoice in the Lord, alleluia: God hath chosen you unto Himself for an inheritance. Alleluia.

V. Precious in the sight of the Lord. Alleluia.

R. Is the death of His saints. Alleluia.

After Paschal time:

t. Qui vult venire

Ant. He that will come

post me, abneget semetipsum, et tollat crucem suam, et sequatur me.

V. Justus ut palma florebit.

R. Sicut cedrus Libani multiplicabitur.

after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

V. The just shall flourish like the palm-tree.

R. And shall be multiplied as the cedar of Libanus.

Oremus.

Deus, qui contra Mahumeticam pravitatem beatum Joannem verbi tui præconem eximium effecisti : concede, ut sicut ipse pro tuæ fidei dilatatione martyrii palmam meruit obtinere, sic nos, ejus intercessione, fidei nostræ præmia consequi mereamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst make blessed John a wonderful preacher of Thy word against the wickedness of the Mahometans ; grant that as he merited to obtain the palm of martyrdom for the propagation of Thy faith, so we, by his intercession, may be found worthy to attain the rewards of our faith.

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31. St. Angela of Merici, Virgin.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum. (Alleluia.)

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity. (Alleluia.)

At Lauds :

V. Diffusa est gratia in *labiis* tuis. (Alleluia.)

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips. (Alleluia.)

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum. (Alleluia.)

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. (Alleluia.)

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua. (Alleluia.)

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty. (Alleluia.)

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna. (Alleluia.)

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Deus, qui novum per beatam Angelam sacrarum virginum collegium in Ecclesia tua florescere voluisti: da nobis ejus intercessione angelicis moribus vivere: ut terrenis omnibus abdicatis, gaudiis perfrui mereamur æternis.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst bring to pass that, through the blessed Angela, a new company of sacred virgins should flourish in Thy Church; grant us, through her intercession, to live after the ways of the angels in our lives, and, renouncing all earthly joys, to be found worthy to enjoy those that are eternal.

JUNE.

1. B. James of Strepa, Bishop and Confessor.

Ant. Amavit eum Dominus, et ornavit eum: stolam gloriæ induit eum et ad *portas paradisi* coro-

Ant. The Lord loved him, and adorned him: He clothed him with a robe of glory, and crowned him navit eum. (Alleluia.)

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. (Alleluia.)
R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. (Alleluia.)

at the gates of paradise. (Alleluia.)

V. The Lord led the just through right ways. (Alleluia.)
R. And showed him the kingdom of God. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Deus, qui in beato Jacobo confessori tuo atque pontifice, apostolicum evangelizandi spiritum mirabiliter renovasti, præsta, quæsumus, ut ipso intercedente fide ac moribus tibi jugiter adhæreamus.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst renew the apostolic spirit of preaching the gospel in blessed James, Thy confessor and bishop; grant, we beseech Thee, that through his intercession we may ever cleave to Thee in faith and practice.

2. B. Baptista Varani, Virgin.

Antiphon and Versicle, Veni, sponsa, &c., *as on May* 31.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatam Baptistam virginem tuam in contemplatione unigeniti Filii tui passionis, amoris igne flagrare fecisti, concede, quæsumus, ut ejus precibus et intercessione, eam semper venerando re*colentes,* fructus ejusdem

Let us pray.

O God, who didst cause blessed Baptista, Thy virgin, to be inflamed with love in the contemplation of the Passion of Thy only-begotten Son; grant, we beseech Thee, by her prayers and intercession, that we, continually medi-

percipere mereamur.

tating on that Passion with reverence, may be found worthy to reap the fruit of the same.

3. B. ANDREW OF SPELLO, CONFESSOR.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu. (Alleluia.)

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed. (Alleluia.)

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas. (Alleluia.)

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei. (Alleluia.)

V. The Lord led the just through right ways. (Alleluia.)

R. And showed him the kingdom of God. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Clementissime Deus, qui beati Andreæ confessoris tui meritis et intercessione aeris serenitatem et pluviam poscentibus triuisti congruentem: mens nostras imbre tuæ grae perfunde, ut sordibus ccatorum abstersis, pertua vultus tui hilaritate frui mereamur.

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who through the merits and intercession of blessed Andrew, Thy confessor, didst grant fair weather and seasonable showers to those calling upon Thee; fill our hearts with the streams of Thy grace, that all stains of sin being washed away, we may be found worthy to enjoy the vision of Thy eternal brightness.

5. B. Pacificus of Geredano, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Pacificum confessorem tuum verbo atque exemplo clarere fecisti, præsta, quæsumus, ut ejusdem vestigia sectantes, ad cœlestem patriam perducamur.	O God, who didst make blessed Pacificus, Thy confessor, renowned in word and deed; grant, we beseech Thee, that following in his footsteps, we may be conducted to Thy heavenly kingdom.

12. B. Guy of Cortona, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on June* 3.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Guidum confessorem tuum religiosæ vitæ perfectionis exemplar, et evangelicæ prædicationis ministrum præbuisti, ejus, quæsumus, intercessione concede, ut per bona opera proximis nostris lucis exempla monstremus.	O God, who hast given to us blessed Guy, Thy confessor, to be an example of perfection in religious life, and a minister of evangelical preaching; grant, we beseech Thee, that through his intercession we may by good works set a bright example before our neighbours.

13. St. Anthony of Padua, Confessor.

Ant. Glorificasti, Do-	Ant. Thou hast glori-

ım tuum: prop-
acis magnalia:
ıum, Domine,
ır. (Alleluia.)

fied Thy servant, O Lord; Thou dost wonderful things through him; may Thy name be magnified, O Lord.

pro nobis, beate
Alleluia.)
ligni efficiamur
ibus Christi.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Anthony. (Alleluia.)

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. (Alleluia.)

remus.

m tuam, Deus,
mii confessoris
itas votiva læti-
iritualibus sem-
tur auxiliis, et
rfrui mereatur

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that the votive solemnity of blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, may gladden Thy Church; and that being continually guarded by spiritual defences, it may merit the fruition of eternal joys.

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16. B. YOLAND OF KALISZ, WIDOW.

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et palmas suas
d pauperem, et
sa non comedit.

Ant. She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle. (Alleluia.)

At Lauds:

ısa est gratia in
(Alleluia.)

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips. (Alleluia.)

terea benedixit

R. Therefore God hath

te Deus in æternum. (Alleluia.)

blessed thee for ever. (Alleluia.)

At Vespers :

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua. (Alleluia.)

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna. (Alleluia.)

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty. (Alleluia.)

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. (Alleluia.)

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui beatam Iolentam ab honoribus divitiisque misericorditer abstraxisti, et humilem Filii tui crucem et carnis mortificationem eligere fecisti, ejus meritis et intercessione concede, ut terrena omnia despiciamus, ac cœlestia sincero corde quæramus.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst mercifully withdraw blessed Yoland from worldly honour and riches, and madest her by mortification of the flesh to choose the lowly cross of Thy Son; grant that, by her merits and intercession, we may despise all earthly things, and with pure hearts seek those which are heavenly.

19. B. Michelina of Pesaro, Widow.

Antiphon and Versicle, Manum suam, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatam Michelinam a terrenis solutam affectibus ad amorem

Let us pray.

O God, who didst detach the heart of the blessed Michelina from earthy aftuum dispositione admirabili transtulisti, tribue nobis, quæsumus, ut ejus meritis et imitatione, a noxiis cupiditatibus expediti, quæ tibi sunt placita liberis mentibus exequamur.

fections, and by a special mark of Thy mercy didst fill her with Thy love; grant us, we beseech Thee, by imitating her and through her merits, to subdue our passions and to walk always in the way of Thy commandments.

27. B. BENVENUTO OF GUBBIO, CONFESSOR.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.

Oremus.

Domine Jesu, qui beatum Benvenutum confessorem perfecta sui abnegatione imitatorem tui gloriosum effecisti: da nobis, quæsumus, ut voluntatem tuam semper exequentes, ejusdem gloriæ participes esse mereamur.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, who didst cause blessed Benvenuto, by a perfect denial of himself, to be a glorious follower of Thee; grant us, we beseech Thee, that ever fulfilling Thy will, we may be found worthy to be partakers of his glory.

JULY.

5. B. Archangel of Calatafimi, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Clementissime Deus, qui beatum Archangelum confessorem tuum solitudinis cultorem evangelicæ prædicationis gratia sublimasti: concede nobis famulis tuis, ut ejusdem imitantes exempla, consequamur et præmia.	O most merciful God, who, through the grace of preaching the gospel, didst exalt blessed Archangel, Thy confessor, to be a lover of solitude; grant to us Thy servants that, imitating his example, we may also obtain his reward.

7. St. Laurence of Brindisi, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on June* 27.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui ad ardua quæque pro nominis tui gloria, et animarum salute beato Laurentio confessori tuo spiritum consilii et fortitudinis contulisti: da nobis in eodem spiritu, et agenda cognoscere, et cognita ejus intercessione perficere.	O God, who for the glory of Thy name didst confer upon blessed Laurence, Thy confessor, the spirit of counsel and fortitude in every difficulty and for the salvation of souls; grant us in the same spirit both to know what we ought to do, and by his intercession to perform the same.

8. St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal, Widow.

Ant. Elisabeth pacis et patriæ mater, in cœlo triumphans, dona nobis pacem.

V. Meritis et precibus beatæ Elisabeth.

R. Propitius esto, Domine, populo tuo.

Oremus.

Clementissime Deus, qui beatam Elisabeth reginam inter cæteras egregias dotes, bellici furoris sedandi prærogativa decorasti, da nobis ejus intercessione, post mortalis vitæ, quam suppliciter petimus, pacem, ad æterna gaudia pervenire.

Ant. O Elizabeth, mother of peace and of thy country, triumphant in heaven, grant us peace.

V. Through the merits and prayers of blessed Elizabeth.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, to Thy people.

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, who, amongst other excellent gifts, didst ennoble the blessed Queen Elizabeth with special grace to calm the tempest of war; grant to our humble petitions, through her intercession, that, after a peaceful passage through this mortal life, we may arrive at eternal joys.

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9. St. Veronica of Giuliani, Virgin.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Chris-
accipe coronam, quam
i Dominus præparavit
æternum.

7. Ora pro nobis, beata
onica.

'. *Ut digni efficiamur*

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Veronica.

R. That we may be

promissionibus Christi.	made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine Jesu Christe, qui beatam Veronicam Virginem passionis tuæ signis mirabilem effecisti: concede propitius; ut carnem crucifigentes ad gaudia æterna pervenire mereamur.	O Lord Jesu Christ, who didst render the blessed virgin Veronica remarkable by the signs of Thy Passion; mercifully grant us so to crucify the flesh, that we may attain to everlasting joys.

11. SS. Nicholas and his Companions, Martyrs.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis animæ sanctorum, qui Christi vestigia sunt secuti, et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum fuderunt, ideo cum Christo exultant sine fine.	*Ant.* The souls of the saints, who followed the footsteps of Christ, rejoice in heaven; and because they shed their blood for His love, therefore do they exult with Christ, world without end.
V. Exultabunt sancti in gloria.	*V.* The saints shall rejoice in glory.
R. Lætabuntur in cubilibus suis.	*R.* And shall be joyful upon their beds.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatorum martyrum tuorum Nicolai, et sociorum ejus gloriosum pro fide tua certamen æternitatis laurea decorasti:	O God, who didst reward the glorious combat for the faith of the blessed Nicholas and his companions with the crown of

propitius; ut eo-
ritis et imitatione
in terris, cum
ronari mereamur

immortality; mercifully grant us by their merits, that imitating them on earth in their combat, we may have part in their triumph in heaven.

BONAVENTURA, CARDINAL, BISHOP, AND DOCTOR.

doctor optime,
sanctæ lumen,
niventura, divinæ
mator, deprecare
Filium Dei.

Ant. O illustrious doctor, thou light of the holy Church, blessed Bonaventura, thou lover of the divine law, intercede with the Son of God for us.

a pro nobis, beate
tura.

digni efficiamur
onibus Christi.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Bonaventura.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

qui Ecclesiæ tuæ
Boniventuram,
em tuum atque
m, doctorem mi-
tribuisti, concede
, ut apud te hunc
mper intercesso-
re mereatur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst give unto Thy Church blessed Bonaventura, Thy confessor and bishop, to be a wonderful teacher; mercifully grant that we may ever have him for an intercessor with Thee.

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5. B. ANGELINA OF MARSCIANO, WIDOW.

Manum suam ape-

Ant. She opened her

ruit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit.

hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.
R. Proptera benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatam Angelinam eximiæ humilitatis et charitatis dono decorasti, ac per eam fœtu novæ prolis Ecclesiam tuam amplificare voluisti, concede propitius, ut, ejus exempla sectantes, æterna gaudia consequamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn blessed Angelina with the gift of a marvellous humility and charity, and didst through her enlarge Thy Church by the progeny of a new offspring; mercifully grant that, following her example, we may attain everlasting joy.

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16. CANONISATION OF OUR SERAPHIC FATHER ST. FRANCIS.

Ant. Scitote quoniam Dominus servum suum *mirificavit*: lætamini, filii,

Ant. Know ye that the Lord hath exalted His holy one: rejoice, O ye

nfitemini memoriæ tatis ejus.

Corona aurea super ejus.

Expressa signo sanc-

.

his sons, and celebrate the memory of his sanctity.

V. A crown of gold upon his head.

R. Stamped with the signet of holiness.

Oremus.

ıs, qui ad sectandas niti tui vias beatum m nostrum Francis- lucem ac præcepto- nobis tribuere dig- es, concede pro- , ut cujus hodie me- m colimus, ejus in gloriæ participes nereamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouchsafe to grant to us our blessed Father Francis as a guide and teacher in following the footsteps of Thy only-begotten Son; mercifully grant that as we celebrate his memory to-day, so we may be found worthy to be made partakers of his glory in heaven.

ordinary Commemoration of St. Francis is omitted.

18. St. Simon of Lypinca, Confessor.

t. Hic vir despiciens um, et terrena tri- ans, divitias cœlo dit ore, manu.

Justum deduxit Do- s per vias rectas.

Et ostendit illi reg- Dei.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui beatum Simonem confessorem tuum evangelicæ prædicationis gratia, sublimasti; concede propitius; ut ejus doctrinæ pabulo nutriti, quæ tibi sunt placita exequentes, per semitas justitiæ ad cœlestem patriam feliciter pervenire valeamus.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, who didst exalt blessed Simon, Thy confessor, by the grace of preaching the gospel; mercifully grant that, being nourished by the doctrine which he taught, we may both perform what is pleasing unto Thee, and may happily arrive through the paths of justice at Thy heavenly kingdom.

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19. B. JOHN OF DUKLA, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Joannem confessorem tuum eximiæ humilitatis et patientiæ donis decorasti: concede propitius, ut ejusdem imitantes exempla, consequamur et præmia.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn blessed John, Thy confessor, with the gifts of a marvellous humility and patience; mercifully grant that, following his example, we may also attain his reward.

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24. ST. FRANCIS OF SOLANO, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon, Hic vir, &c., *as on July* 18.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate *Francisce.*

V. Pray for us, O blessed Francis.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Deus, qui plurimas Americæ gentes per beatum Franciscum ad sinum Ecclesiæ perduxisti: ejus meritis et precibus indignationem tuam a peccatis nostris averte; et in gentes, quæ te non cognoverunt, timorem nominis tui benignus immitte.

Let us pray.

O God, who through blessed Francis didst bring into the bosom of the Church many nations of America; by his merits and prayers turn Thy wrath from our sins, and mercifully extend the fear of Thy name to the nations which have not known Thee.

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27. B. CUNEGUNDA, VIRGIN.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

R. Intende, prospere procede, *et regna.*

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatam Cunegundem, dulcedinis tuæ benedictionibus prævenisti, ac virginem etiam in conjugio conservasti: præsta quæsumus; ut ipsa intercedente, per vitæ puritatem tibi jugiter adhærere, et per ejus vestigia gradientes, ad te pervenire feliciter mereamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst prevent blessed Cunegunda with the blessings of Thy sweetness, and didst preserve her a virgin even in wedlock; grant, we beseech Thee, that by her intercession we may be found worthy to cleave to Thee through purity of life, and following her footsteps attain happily to Thee.

AUGUST.

2. THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS.

Ant. O quam metuendus est locus iste! Vere non est hic aliud, nisi domus Dei, et porta cœli.

Ant. O, how awful is this place! Truly this is no other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

V. Domum tuam, Domine, decet sanctitudo.

R. In longitudine dierum.

V. Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord.

R. Unto length of days.

Oremus.

Deus, qui nobis per singulos annos hujus sancti *templi tui* consecrationis

Let us pray.

O God, who bringest round each year the day on which this holy temple

reparas diem, et sacris semper mysteriis repræsentas incolumes; exaudi preces populi tui, et præsta, ut quisquis hoc templum beneficia petiturus ingreditur, cuncta se impetrasse lætetur.

was dedicated to Thee, and grantest us grace always to assist at the sacred mysteries; mercifully listen to the prayers of Thy people, and grant that all those who enter this holy temple to ask favours of Thee may have the consolation to obtain them.

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4. St. Dominic, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

Deus, qui Ecclesiam tuam beati Dominici confessoris tui illuminare dignatus es meritis et doctrinis, concede ut ejus intercessione temporalibus non destituatur auxiliis, et spiritualibus semper proficiat incrementis.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast vouchsafed to enlighten Thy Church by the merits and teaching of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor; grant that, through his intercession, it may not be left destitute of temporal succours, and may continually advance in spiritual growth.

12. St. Clare, Virgin.

Ant. Veni de Libano, sponsa mea, veni de Libano, dabo tibi coronam pro cinere, oleum gaudii pro luctu, pallium laudis pro spiritu mœroris.	*Ant.* Come from Libanus, my spouse, come from Libanus: I will give thee a crown for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, a garment of praise for the spirit of grief.
V. Ora pro nobis, beata Clara.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Clare.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui Ecclesiam tuam beatæ virginis Claræ miris illustras virtutum splendoribus, et nova prole fecundas: concede propitius; ut per ejus vestigia gradientes, æternæ gloriæ claritatem consequi mereamur.	O God, who by the admirable virtues of the blessed virgin Clare hast adorned Thy Church, and given it new children; favourably grant us that, walking in the footsteps of this holy virgin, we may be made worthy to obtain eternal glory.

13. B. Peter of Mogliano, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as August* 4.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, charitatis amator et auctor pacis, qui beatum Petrum confessorem tuum admirabili studio fovendæ	O God, the Lover of charity and the Author of peace, who didst adorn blessed Peter with a won-

e decorasti, præ-
sumus, ut ejus in-
ibus meritis, per-
acis gaudiis per-

derful desire of promoting concord; grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of his merits we may enjoy everlasting peace.

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14. B. SANCTUS OF URBINO, CONFESSOR.

hon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on August* 4.

Oremus.

s nostræ auctor
ns Deus, qui bea-
ctem confessorem
nirabili providen-
uli periculis erep-
tui sequelam ve-
ti: da nobis, quæ-
t ejus precibus et
n tuo sancto ser-
entes, ab omnibus
im nostrorum li-
insidiis.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, the Author of our salvation, who, by a wonderful providence, didst snatch blessed Sanctus, Thy confessor, from the dangers of this world, and didst make him to become a follower of Thee; grant us, we beseech Thee, that, through his prayers and merits, being fervent in Thy holy service, we may be freed from all the assaults of our enemies.

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16. ST. ROCH, CONFESSOR.

hon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on August* 4.

)remus.

qui beato Rocho
ilum tuum tabu-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst promise by an angel to blessed lam eidem afferentem promisisti, ut qui ipsum invocaverit, a nullo pestis cruciatu læderetur: præsta, quæsumus, ut qui ejus solemnia celebramus, ipsius meritis et precibus a mortifera peste corporis et animæ liberemur.

Roch, that whoever should call upon him, should not be hurt by pestilence: grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who keep his solemn feast, may also through his merits and prayers be preserved from all contagion both of body and soul.

18. B. Clare of Montefalco, Virgin.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Exaudi nos, Deus salutaris noster, ut sicut de beatæ Claræ festivitate gaudemus, ita piæ devo-

Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O God of our salvation, that as we rejoice in the festivity of blessed Clare, so

erudiamur affectu.	we may be instructed in the affections of a loving devotion.

. St. Louis, Bishop of Toulouse, Confessor.

. Amavit eum Do- , et ornavit eum: gloriæ induit eum, ortas paradisi coro- eum.	*Ant.* The Lord loved him and adorned him: He clothed him with a robe of glory, and crowned him at the gates of paradise.
Ora pro nobis, beate ice.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Louis.
Ut digni efficiamur sionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
s, qui beatum Ludo- confessorem tuum pontificem cœleste n terreno præponere ti, ac puritate illi- t eximia in pauperes ate mirabiliter deco- concede, ut ejusdem s æmulantes in ter- ronari cum ipso me- r in cœlis.	O God, who didst teach blessed Louis, Thy confessor and bishop, to prefer a heavenly kingdom to an earthly one, and didst wonderfully adorn him with a spotless purity, and a remarkable charity towards the poor; grant that, emulating his virtues on earth, we may be made worthy to be crowned with him in heaven.

. Louis, King of France, Patron of the Bro- ers and Sisters of the Third Order, Con- sor.

. *Hic vir, despiciens*	*Ant.* This man, despising

mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.	the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.
V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.	*V.* The Lord led the just through right ways.
R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.	*R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Ludovicum confessorem tuum de terreno regno ad cœlestis regni gloriam transtulisti; ejus quæsumus, meritis et intercessione, Regis regum Jesu Christi Filii tui facias nos esse consortes.	O God, who hast translated blessed Louis, Thy confessor, from an earthly kingdom to the glory of a heavenly kingdom; we beseech Thee, by his merits and intercession, to make us co-heirs with the King of kings, Thy Son Jesus Christ.

The ordinary Commemoration of St. Louis is omitted.

SEPTEMBER.

1. B. ISABELLA OF FRANCE, VIRGIN.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.	*Ant.* Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds :

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

Propterea benedixit us in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers :

Specie tua et pul- dine tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
Intende, prospere le, et regna.	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
s, qui beatam Isa- a Virginem tuam re- delicias et mundi m crucis mortifica- et humilitati postpo- locuisti: ipsius me- recibusque concede i hujus blandimenta are, et in amplexu rucis gloriam inve-	O God, who didst teach blessed Isabella, Thy virgin, to prefer the mortification and humility of the cross to the pomps of royalty and the glory of the world; grant us, through her merits and prayers, to overcome the allurements of this world, and to glory in Thy cross.

. JOHN OF PERUGIA AND PETER OF SASSO-FERRATO, MARTYRS.

. Gaudent in cœlis e sanctorum, qui ti vestigia sunt se- et quia pro ejus a- sanguinem suum fu- t, ideo cum Christo nt sine fine.	*Ant.* The souls of the saints, who followed the footsteps of Christ, rejoice in heaven; and because they shed their blood for His love, therefore do they exult with Christ, world without end.
Exultabunt sancti in	*V.* The saints shall rejoice in glory.

R. Lætabuntur in cubilibus suis.	*R.* And shall be joyful upon their beds.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Concede, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus, infirmitati nostræ præsidium: ut sicut beatorum martyrum tuorum Joannis et Petri gloriamur triumphis, ita eorum constantiam imitari non pigeat, quam celebrare delectat.	Almighty God, assist, we beseech Thee, our infirmity; that as we glory in the triumphs of Thy martyrs, John and Peter, so we may be ready to imitate their constancy, which we delight to celebrate.

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4. St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin.

Antiphon, Veni, sponsa, &c., *as on September* 1.

V. Ora pro nobis, beata Rosa.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Rose.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatam Rosam sanctarum tuarum virginum collegio aggregare dignatus es: tribue nobis, quæsumus, ut ejus precibus et meritis a culpis omnibus expiemur, et tuæ majestatis consortio perfruamur æterno.	O God, who didst vouchsafe to unite blessed Rose to the company of Thy sacred virgins; grant, we beseech Thee, that by her prayers and merits we may be delivered from all guilt, and enjoy the eternal vision of Thy majesty.

5. B. Gentil of Matelica, Martyr.

:. Qui vult venire
me, abneget semet-
, et tollat crucem
et sequatur me.
Justus ut palma flo-

Sicut cedrus Libani
plicabitur.

Oremus.

Domine, quæsumus,
re nostro incessanter
audes perficias, qui
Gentili martyri tuo
fidelium conversio-
linguarum donum in-
i.

Ant. He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

V. The just shall flourish like the palm-tree.

R. And shall be multiplied as the cedar of Libanus.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, that we may continually with our mouth perfect Thy praises, who didst confer the gift of tongues upon blessed Gentil, Thy martyr, for the conversion of the heathen.

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6. B. Vincent of Aquila, Confessor.

t. Hic vir, despiciens
lum, et terrena trium-
s, divitias cœlo con-
ore, manu.

Justum deduxit Do-
s per vias rectas.
Et ostendit illi reg-
Dei.

Oremus.

us, qui beatum Vin-

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn

centium confessorem tuum cunctis virtutibus, evangelica præsertim simplicitate et mira vitæ austeritate decorasti, da nobis, ut ejusdem imitatores effecti, gratiam coram oculis tuis invenisse lætemur.

blessed Vincent, Thy confessor, with all virtues, but especially with evangelic simplicity and a wonderful austerity of life; grant that, imitating him, we may rejoice to have found favour in Thy sight.

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9. B. SERAPHINA SFORZA, WIDOW.

Ant. Manum suam aperuit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit.

Ant. She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per beatam Seraphinam eximium nobis patientiæ exemplum tribuisti: præsta supplicibus tuis, ut et ipsius in-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst set before us in blessed Seraphina a wonderful example of patience; grant to Thy suppliants that we may

struamur exemplis, et ab omnibus, ejus patrocinio, liberemur adversis.	be both instructed by her example, and freed by her patronage from all adversity.

11. B. BERNARD OF OFFIDO, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *as on September* 6.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beato Bernardo confessori tuo spiritum quo super egenos et pauperes intelligeret, misericorditer contulisti: concede, ut ejus exempla secuti, in die mala liberari mereamur.	O God, who of Thy mercy didst grant to blessed Bernard, Thy confessor, the spirit of sympathising with the poor and needy; grant that, following his example, we may be found worthy to be delivered in the evil day.

17. THE STIGMATA OF OUR FATHER ST. FRANCIS.

Ant. Quod nunc vivo in carne, in fide vivo Filii Dei, qui dilexit me: ut et qui vivunt jam non sibi vivant, sed ei qui pro ipsis mortuus est.	*Ant.* If I live now in the flesh, I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me; that they also who live may not now live to themselves, but unto Him who died for them.
V. Signasti, Domine, servum tuum Franciscum.	*V.* Thou didst sign Thy servant Francis, O Lord.
R. Signis redemptionis nostræ.	*R.* With the sign of our redemption.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine *Jesu Christe,*	O Lord Jesu Christ,

qui frigescente mundo ad inflammandum corda nostra tui amoris igne, in carne beatissimi Patris nostri Francisci passionis tuæ sacra stigmata renovasti: concede propitius, ut ejus meritis et precibus crucem jugiter feramus, et dignos fructus pœnitentiæ faciamus.

who, while the world was growing cold, desiring to inflame our hearts with the fire of Thy love, didst renew the sacred stigmata of Thy Passion in the body of blessed Francis; mercifully grant that, by the help of his merits and prayers, we may bear our cross continually, and bring forth meet fruits of penance.

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18. St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor.

Ant. Existimo omnia detrimentum esse propter eminentem scientiam Jesu Christi, Domini mei.

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.

Ant. I count all things to be but loss for the excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ, my Lord.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

Deus, qui ad unigenitum Filium tuum exaltatum a terra omnia trahere disposuisti, perfice propitius, ut meritis et exemplo seraphici confessoris tui Josephi, supra terrenas omnes cupiditates elevati, ad eum pervenire mereamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst ordain that Thine only-begotten Son, being lifted up upon the cross, should draw all things unto Him; mercifully bring it to pass that we, being raised above all earthly desires through the merits and example of Thy seraphic confessor Joseph, may be found worthy to come into the presence of the same Thy Son.

23. Finding of the Body of St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin.

Ant. Quiescat donec optata veniat sicut mercenarii dies ejus.

Ant. May she rest in peace until the wished-for day, as of the labourer, arrives.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Virginitatis custos et munerator Deus, qui corpus beatæ Claræ sponsæ tuæ e tenebris educere et votis populi tui restituere dignatus es, concede propitius, ut cujus hodie inventione gaudemus, de ejus quoque gloria in æterna resurrectione perfrui mereamur.

Let us pray.

O God, the Guardian and Rewarder of holy virginity, who didst vouchsafe to bring forth from darkness the body of blessed Clare, Thy spouse, and to restore it to the prayers of Thy people; mercifully grant that as we rejoice to-day in its discovery, so we may be found worthy to partake in her glory at the resurrection to eternal life.

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25. ST. PACIFICUS OF ST. SEVERINO, CONFESSOR.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pacifice.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Pacificus.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Largitor omnium bonorum, Deus, qui beatum Pacificum confessorem tuum eximiæ patientiæ virtute, et solitudinis amore decorasti: ejus nobis intercessione concede, ut per eadem vestigia gradientes eadem assequamur et præmia.

Let us pray.

O God, the Giver of all good things, who didst adorn blessed Pacificus, Thy confessor, with a marvellous patience and a love of solitude; grant to us by his intercession that, following in his footsteps, we may also attain the same rewards.

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26. B. LUCY OF CALATAGIRONE, VIRGIN.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Concede, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus, intercedente beata Lucia virgine tua: ut ejus exemplo et imitatione tibi casto corpore servire et mundo corde placere studeamus.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, through the intercession of blessed Lucy, Thy virgin; that, imitating her example, we may endeavour to serve and please Thee in purity of soul and body.

28. B. Bernardin of Feltre, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

Deus, *qui ad fideles* po-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouchpulos e vitiorum cœno liberandos beatum Bernardinum apostolico zelo inflammare dignatus es: præsta, quæsumus, ut ejus intercessione a peccatis omnibus expediti, ad cœlestem patriam perducamur.

safe to inflame blessed Bernardin with an apostolic zeal for liberating Thy faithful people from the pollution of wickedness; grant, we beseech Thee, that, being freed by his intercession from all sin, we may be brought in safety to our celestial home.

OCTOBER.

1. B. Louisa of Savoy, Widow.

Ant. Manum suam aperuit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit.

Ant. She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Deus, qui in beata Lu-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst predovica per omnes vitæ semitas traducta singulare virtutis exemplum proposuisti, concede, ut in via, qua nos vocasti, ejusdem vestigia sequamur et cum ipsa ad te pervenire mereamur.

sent in blessed Louisa a wonderful example of virtue through all the paths of life; grant that in our vocation we may follow her footsteps, and be found worthy to come to Thee.

3. TRANSLATION OF ST. CLARE, VIRGIN.

Ant. Veni de Libano, sponsa mea, veni de Libano: dabo tibi coronam pro cinere, oleum gaudii pro luctu, pallium laudis pro spiritu mœroris.

Ant. Come from Libanus, my spouse, come from Libanus: I will give thee a crown for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, a garment of praise for the spirit of grief.

V. Deus, præcinxit me virtute.

R. Posuit immaculatam viam meam.

V. The Lord hath girded me with virtue.

R. He hath made my way immaculate.

Oremus.

Beatæ virginis tuæ Claræ votivam translationem recolentes, quæsumus, Domine: ut ejus meritis et imitatione cœlestium gaudiorum participes effici mereamur.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, that, celebrating the translation of Thy blessed virgin Clare, we may through her merits, and by imitating her, be found worthy to be made partakers of Thy heavenly joys.

4. Our Seraphic Father, St. Francis of Assisi, Confessor.

Ant. Completi sunt dies luctus tui; erit tibi Dominus in lucem sempiternam, et Deus tuus in gloriam tuam.	*Ant.* The days of thy mourning are ended; the Lord shall be unto thee for an everlasting light, and thy God for thy glory.
V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater Francisce.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Father Francis.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui Ecclesiam tuam beati Patris nostri Francisci meritis fœtu novæ prolis amplificas, tribue nobis ex ejus imitione terrena despicere, et cœlestium donorum semper participatione gaudere.	O God, who through the merits of blessed Francis, dost enlarge Thy Church with a new progeny; grant us, by imitating him, to despise earthly things, and ever to rejoice in the participation of heavenly gifts.

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5. B. John of Penna, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.	*Ant.* This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.
V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.	*V.* The Lord led the just through right ways.

Et ostendit illi reg-)ei.	*R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
s, qui beatum Jo- i confessorem tuum a promissa curren- r omnes vitæ semi- irabiliter traduxisti, nobis miseratione le, ut inter munda- rietates, tua semper ta sectando, ad e beatitudinis por- pervenire feliciter ius.	O God, who didst wonderfully conduct through all the paths of life blessed John, Thy confessor, hasting after Thy promises; mercifully grant to us also that, amidst all the changes of this world, ever following the ways of Thy commandments, we may happily arrive at the haven of everlasting beatitude.

. MARIA FRANCES OF THE FIVE WOUNDS, VIRGIN.

. Veni, sponsa Chris- ipe coronam, quam ominus præparavit rnum.	*Ant.* Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

Diffusa est gratia in tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
Propterea benedixit s in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

Specie tua et pul- line tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
Intende, prospere e, *et regna.*	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine Jesu, qui beatam Mariam Franciscam virginem inter cæteras dotes, in mundi contemptu mirabilem effecisti, ejus, quæsumus, meritis et intercessione, concede nobis terrena despicere, et cœlestia semper inquirere.	O Lord Jesus, who, amongst other gifts, didst endow the blessed virgin Maria Frances with a wonderful contempt of the world; grant us, we beseech Thee, by her merits and intercession, to despise earthly things, and ever to seek after heavenly things.

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8. St. Bridget, Widow.

Ant. Manum suam aperuit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit.	*Ant.* She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine Deus noster, *qui beatæ* Birgittæ per Fi-	O Lord our God, who, through Thine only-be-

m unigenitum lestia revelasti, intercessione da lis tuis in reve- npiternæ gloriæ e lætantes.	gotten Son, didst manifest to blessed Bridget the secrets of heaven; grant unto us, Thy servants, that, through her loving intercession, we may rejoice with gladness in the revelation of Thy eternal glory.

SERAPHIN OF MONTE GRANARO, CONFESSOR.

c vir, despiciens et terrena tri- divitias cœlo e, manu.	*Ant.* This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.
pro nobis, beate	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Seraphin.
ligni efficiamur ibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
remus.	Let us pray.
i in corde beati amoris tui flam- sti: ejus, quæ- is intercessione t illius vestigia iisdem ardori- amur.	O God, who didst excite the flames of Thy love in the heart of blessed Seraphin; grant, we beseech Thee, that, by his intercession, we, following his example, may be inflamed by the same fire.

13. SS. Daniel and Companions, Martyrs.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis animæ sanctorum, qui Christi vestigia sunt secuti: et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum fuderunt, ideo cum Christo exultant sine fine.	*Ant.* The souls of the saints, who followed the footsteps of Christ, rejoice in heaven; and because they shed their blood for His love, therefore do they exult with Christ, world without end.
V. Exultabunt sancti in gloria.	*V.* The saints shall rejoice in glory.
R. Lætabuntur in cubilibus suis.	*R.* And shall be joyful upon their beds.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Fraterna nos, Domine, martyrum tuorum corona lætificet: quæ et fidei nostræ præbeat incrementa virtutum, et multiplici nos suffragio consoletur.	Let the fraternal crown of Thy martyrs, O Lord, gladden our hearts, and, adding to our faith an increase of virtues, may it comfort us with multiplied intercession.

19. St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor.

Antiphon, Hic vir, &c., *the same as October* **12.**

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Petre.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Peter.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatum Pe-	O God, who didst vouch-

ι confessorem tuum irabilis pœnitentiæ, et simæ contemplationis ere illustrare dignatus a nobis, quæsumus, ut suffragantibus meritis, e mortificati, facilius, stia capiamus.

safe to adorn Thy blessed confessor Peter with the gift of admirable penance and loftiest contemplation; grant, we beseech Thee, that, by the virtue of his merits, we, being mortified in the body, may better apprehend heavenly things.

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20. ST. ELZEAR, COUNT OF ARIAN, CONFESSOR.

nt. Hic vir, despiciens dum, et terrena trihans, divitias cœlo idit ore, manu.

. Justum deduxit Dois per vias rectas.
. Et ostendit illi reg- Dei.

Oremus.

eus, qui beatum Elzem confessorem tuum r cætera virtutum inia virginali pudicitia njugio decorasti: con- propitius, ut cujus a solemnia celebriter ramur in terris, ejus a consortia feliciter *equamur in cœlis.*

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.
R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst adorn the blessed Elzear, Thy confessor, with many virtues, but above all with that of conjugal chastity; mercifully grant that, in honouring his memory on earth, we may one day participate in his happiness in heaven.

22. B. LADISLAS OF GIELNOW, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Ladislaum religiosa perfectione voluisti omnibus prælucere, concede propitius, ut ejus exemplo in virtutibus jugiter proficiamus.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose will blessed Ladislas didst shine forth before all in religious perfection; mercifully grant, that by her example we may continually advance in all virtues.

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23. ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon, Hic vir, &c., *the same as October* 20.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Joannes.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Pray for us, O blessed John.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Deus, qui Ecclesiam tuam beati Joannis meritis et doctrinis mirabiliter sublimasti, et per eum de perfidis tyrannis in virtute sanctissimi nominis Jesu fideles tuos triumphare fecisti: præsta, quæsumus, ut de inimicis nostris ejus intercessione prævalentes *in terris,* præmiari cum

Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully exalt Thy Church by the merits and teaching of blessed John, and didst by him cause Thy faithful people to triumph over perfidious tyrants in the strength of the most holy name of Jesus; grant, we beseech Thee, that prevailing through his inter-

amur in cœlis.

cession over our enemies on earth, we may be found worthy to be rewarded with him in heaven.

ST. FRANCIS OF CALDEROLA, CONFESSOR.

ınd Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as October* 20.

Ɔremus.

ui beatum Fran-
nfessorem Eccle-
gnum ministrum
, ac mirifica dis-
omponendi gra-
sti; ejus meritis
ssione concede,
charitate firmati,
te tentationibus
r.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst make blessed Francis, Thy confessor, a worthy minister of Thy Church, and didst adorn him with a marvellous grace in reconciling enemies; grant, by his merits and intercession, that being strengthened in Thy love, we may never by any temptations be separated from Thee.

B. BONAVENTURA OF POTENZA, CONFESSOR.

ic vir, despiciens
et terrena tri-
divitias, cœlo
re, manu.

tum deduxit Do-
r vias rectas.
ostendit illi reg-

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

Deus, qui in beato Bonaventura confessore tuo eximium obedientiæ exemplum constituere dignatus es: præsta, quæsumus, ut ejus imitatione voluntatem nostram abnegantes, mandatis tuis perpetuo inhærere valeamus.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouchsafe to set up in blessed Bonaventura, Thy confessor, a wonderful example of obedience; grant, we beseech Thee, that by imitating him we may be enabled to deny our own wills, and ever to perform Thy commands.

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27. ST. IVES, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Ivonem confessorem tuum piis operibus, signis et virtutibus in Ecclesia tua clarere fecisti: præsta, quæsumus, ut ejus meritis et precibus tua beneficia capiamus.

Let us pray.

O God, who through good works didst make blessed Ives, Thy confessor, to shine forth in Thy Church by miracles and virtues; grant, we beseech Thee, that through his merits and prayers we may receive Thy blessings.

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30. B. ANGELUS OF ACRI, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as October 26.*

Oremus.

Mirabilis in sanctis tuis omnipotens Deus, qui beati *Angeli* spiritum ad te ip-

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, wonderful in Thy saints, who didst vouchsafe to draw

sum trahere dignatus es: ejus meritis et intercessione concede cuncta nos terrena respuere, et in amore supernæ patriæ continua cœlestium meditatione roborari.

the spirit of blessed Angelus to Thyself; grant us by his merits and intercession to eschew all earthly things, and by continual meditation on those which are above to be strengthened in the love of our heavenly country.

31. B. Thomas of Florence, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, *&c., the same as October* 26.

Oremus.

Deus, qui admirabili clementia de peccatoribus justos, et de vasis iræ facis vasa misericordiæ, concede propitius, ut beati Thomæ confessoris tui precibus, e vitiorum servitute soluti, perpetua filiorum tuorum libertate gaudere mereamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who of Thy wonderful compassion dost make just men of sinners, and vessels of mercy from vessels of wrath; mercifully grant that by the prayers of blessed Thomas, Thy confessor, we, being freed from the bondage of sin, may merit to rejoice in the perpetual liberty of Thy sons.

NOVEMBER.

5. B. Rainier of the Holy Sepulchre, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, *&c., the same as October* 26.

Oremus.

Deus, qui nos beati Raynerii *confessoris* tui

Let us pray.

O God, who dost gladden us with the annual

annua solemnitate lætificas: concede propitius, ut cujus natalitia colimus, etiam actiones imitemur.	solemnity of blessed Rainier, Thy confessor; mercifully grant that, as we celebrate his birthday, we may also imitate his actions.

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6. B. Helen of Padua, Virgin.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.	*Ant.* Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Exaudi nos, Deus salutaris noster, ut, sicut de beatæ Helenæ virginis tuæ festivitate gaudemus, ita piæ devotionis erudiamur affectu.	Graciously hear us, O God of our salvation, that as we rejoice in the festivity of blessed Helen, Thy virgin, we may be instructed in the affections of a loving devotion.

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7. B. Bernardin of Fossa, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens	Ant. This man, despis-

et terrena tri- divitias cœlo re, manu.	ing the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.
tum deduxit Do- r vias rectas.	*V.* The Lord led the just through right ways.
ostendit illi reg- .	*R.* And showed him the kingdom of God.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
qui beatum, Ber- Seraphico spi- re succensum ad n salutem verbi conem eximium concede propitius, m imitatione cha- pera exercentes, diam tuam con- eamus.	O God, who for the saving of souls didst inflame blessed Bernardine with a seraphic ardour of spirit, and didst make him an excellent preacher of Thy word; mercifully grant that, imitating him and performing works of charity, we may obtain Thy mercy.

2. St. Didacus of Alcala, Confessor.

Hic vir, &c., *the same as on the preceding festival.*

pro nobis, beate	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Didacus.
digni efficiamur nibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
otens sempiterne i dispositione mi- *rma mundi eligis,*	Almighty and everlasting God, who, by a wonderful providence, choosest

ut fortia quæque confundas, concede propitius humilitati nostræ, ut piis beati Didaci confessoris tui precibus, ad perennem in cœlis gloriam sublimari mereamur.

the weak things of the world to confound the strong; mercifully grant to our humility that, through the pious prayers of blessed Didacus, Thy confessor, we may be worthy to be exalted to unfading glory in the heavens.

14. B. GABRIEL FERRETTI, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as November* 7.

Oremus.

Deus, qui a sede majestatis tuæ humilia benignus respicis, et alta a longe cognoscis, concede famulis tuis, ut beati Gabrielis confessoris tui meritis et exemplo, mundi vanitatem ac sæculi desideria abnegantes, promissa humilibus præmia consequi mereamur.

Let us pray.

O God, who from the seat of Thy majesty on high mercifully regardest the humble, and beholdest the lofty from afar off; grant to Thy servants that, by the merits and example of blessed Gabriel, Thy confessor, renouncing the vanities and desires of this world, we may be found worthy to obtain the rewards promised to the humble.

16. ST. AGNES OF ASSISI, VIRGIN.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam *tibi* Dominus præparavit *in æternum.*

Ant. Come, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds :

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.
pterea benedixit
a æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers :

ie tua et pulchri-
.
nde, prospere
t regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

remus.

Jesu Christe,
m Agnetem, mul-
ibus evangelicæ
is exemplum et
ræposuisti : da,
s, ut spiritus ille
s, quem sapienter
sanctitatis ex-
irifice confirma-
in nobis jugiter
t.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst set before many virgins blessed Agnes as an example of evangelical perfection and a guide; grant, we beseech Thee, that that seraphic spirit which she taught with wisdom, and wonderfully confirmed by examples of holiness, may ever continue unstained in us.

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17. B. SALOME, VIRGIN.

on and Versicle, Veni, &c., *the same as on the preceding festival.*

remus.

ui in beata Salo-
eni regni con-
cum virginitatis
in *connubio* so-

Let us pray.

O God, who didst unite in blessed Salome with the contempt of an earthly kingdom the purity of con-

ciasti: concede nobis, quæsumus, ut ejus exemplo tibi casto et humili corde servientes immarcescibilem coronam gloriæ in cœlis consequi mereamur.	jugal chastity; grant us, we beseech Thee, that after her example serving Thee with pure and humble hearts, we may be found worthy to obtain an unfading crown of glory in heaven.

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19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.

Ant. Manum suam aperuit inopi, et palmas suas extendit ad pauperem, et panem otiosa non comedit.	*Ant.* She opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor, and hath not eaten her bread idle.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.	*V.* Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.	*R.* Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.	*V.* With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.	*R.* Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus miserator, illustra, et beatæ Elisabeth precibus gloriosis fac nos prospera mundi despicere, et cœlesti semper consola-	Enlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of Thy faithful, and through the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth make us to despise the good

ere.	things of this world, and ever to delight in the consolations of heaven.

ters omit the ordinary Commemoration of St. Elizabeth.

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26. B. DELPHINE, VIRGIN.

and Versicle, Veni, sponsa, &c., *the same as November* 16.

remus.	Let us pray.
ui beatam Del- amulam tuam ra virtutum in- ginali pudicitia decorasti: con- itius, ut cujus mnia celebriter in terris, ejus sortia feliciter ur in cœlis.	O God, who didst adorn the blessed Delphine, Thy servant, with many virtues, but above all with that of conjugal chastity; mercifully grant that, in honouring her memory on earth, we may one day participate in her happiness in heaven.

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27. B. RAYMOND LULLA, MARTYR.

i vult venire abneget semet- tollat crucem equatur me.	*Ant.* He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
us ut palma flo-	*V.* The just shall flourish like the palm-tree.
t cedrus Libani bitur.	*R.* He shall grow as the cedar in Libanus.
remus.	Let us pray.
ui *beatum* Ray-	O God, who didst adorn

mundum martyrem tuum animarum zelo ac fidei dilatandæ studio decorasti, concede nobis famulis tuis, ut ipsius precibus et intercessione, fidem, quam tua gratia suscepimus, ad mortem usque teneamus.

blessed Raymond, Thy martyr, with a zeal for souls, and a desire of propagating the faith; grant to us, Thy servants, that through his prayers and intercession we may ever keep unto death the faith which of Thy mercy we have received.

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28. St. James of Marchia, Confessor.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.

Ant. This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Jacobe.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Pray for us, O blessed James.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Deus, qui ad animarum salutem, et peccatores e vitiorum cœno ad viam virtutis revocandos, beatum Jacobum confessorem tuum evangelii præconem eximium effecisti: concede propitius; ut ejus intercessione, a peccatis omni-

Let us pray.

O God, who, for the salvation of souls, and for the recalling of sinners from the pollution of sin to the paths of virtue, didst make blessed James, Thy confessor, a wonderful preacher of the gospel; mercifully grant that we,

bus expiati, vitam consequamur æternam.	by his intercession, being purified from all sin, may attain everlasting life.

29. Feast of all the Saints of the Order of the Brothers Minor.

Ant. O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes sancti: amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit.	*Ant.* O, how glorious is the kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ, and, clothed in white garments, follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth!
V. Exultabunt sancti in gloria.	*V.* Thy saints shall rejoice in glory.
R. Lætabuntur in cubilibus suis.	*R.* They shall be joyful upon their beds.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui nos omnium Sanctorum Ordinis Minorum merita sub una tribuisti celebritate venerari: quæsumus, ut desideratam nobis tuæ propitiationis abundantiam, multiplicatis intercessoribus, largiaris.	Almighty, everlasting God, who givest us to venerate in one solemnity the merits of all the saints of the Order of Brothers Minor; we beseech Thee to bestow upon us, through our multiplied intercessors, the fulness of Thy propitiation.

DECEMBER.

8. Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the Three Orders of St. Francis.

Ant. Unica est columba mea, una est perfecta mea, una est genitricis suæ electa. Viderunt eam animæ sanctæ, et immaculatam prædicaverunt, alleluia.

V. Domine, dilexi decorem domus tuæ.

R. Et locum habitationis gloriæ tuæ.

Ant. My dove is one, one is My perfect one; she is the only one of her mother, the chosen of her that bore her. Holy souls saw her, and declared her immaculate.

V. I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house.

R. And the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per immaculatam Virginis Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum præparasti: quæsumus, ut qui ex morte ejusdem Filii tui prævisa, eam ab omni labe præservasti; nos quoque mundos ejus intercessione ad te pervenire concedas.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst prepare a worthy dwelling-place for Thy Son; we beseech Thee that Thou, who by the death of that same Son of Thine, foreseen by Thee, didst preserve her from every stain of sin, wouldst grant that by her intercession we also may be purified, and so come to Thee.

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9. B. Elizabeth of Waldsech, Virgin.

Ant. Veni, sponsa Chris-

Ant. Come, spouse of

ti, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.

Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds:

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

V. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers:

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.

V. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

R. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Oremus.

Crescat, Domine, in nobis passionis unigeniti Filii tui affectus, et beatæ Elisabeth virginis imitatione, ejus memoria in cordibus nostris jugiter augeatur.

Let us pray.

O God, increase in us the love of the Passion of Thy only-begotten Son, and grant that, in imitating the blessed Elizabeth, virgin, the memory of this Passion may grow in our hearts.

12. Finding of the Body of our Seraphic Father St. Francis.

Ant. Completi sunt dies luctus tui: erit tibi Dominus in lucem sempiternam, et Deus tuus in gloriam tuam.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater Francisce.

Ant. The days of thy mourning are ended; the Lord shall be unto thee for an everlasting light, and thy God for thy glory.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Father Francis.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we n made worthy of t mises of Christ.
Oremus.	Let us pray
Deus, qui pretiosum beati Patris nostri Francisci confessoris tui corpus e tenebris in lucem proferri fecisti: da nobis, quæsumus, ut ejus intercessione, e nocte peccatorum educti, gressus nostros in viam pacis et justitiæ dirigamus.	O God, who dids the precious body blessed Father I Thy confessor, brought out of d into light; grant beseech Thee, tha delivered from the our sins, we may our steps in the v peace and justice.

The ordinary Commemoration of St. Francis is om

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14. St. Leonard of Port-Maurice, Confess

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.	*Ant.* This man, ing the world, ar umphing over things, hath laid u sure in heaven, b and deed.
V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.	*V.* The Lord l just through right
R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.	*R.* And showed l kingdom of heaven.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui, ad obstinata *peccatorum* corda per	O God, who, to tent that by the pre

evangelicam prædicationem ad pœnitentiam flectenda, beatum S. Leonardum confessorem tuum admirabilem sanctitate et invicto dicendi robore suscitasti, da, quæsumus, ut contritionis lacrymas, ad quas ob duritiam cordis nostri sine te promoveri non possumus, per ejus preces ac merita consequamur.

of the gospel Thou mightest turn the hardened hearts of sinners to repentance, didst raise up blessed St. Leonard, Thy confessor, wonderful in sanctity and invincible in the power of declaring Thy truth; grant, we beseech Thee, that those tears of contrition, which for the hardness of our hearts we cannot shed without Thy grace, we may obtain through his prayers and merits.

17. B. Conrad d'Offide, Confessor.

Antiphon and Versicle, Hic vir, &c., *the same as on the preceding festival.*

Oremus.

Augeatur, quæsumus, Domine, in cordibus nostris sinceræ pietatis affectus, et præclaræ beati Conradi confessoris tui humilitatis ac devotionis exempla nobis imitari ejusdem intercessione concede.

Let us pray.

Increase, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in our hearts the love of true piety, and grant us, by the intercession of blessed Conrad, Thy confessor, to imitate the example of his wonderful humility and devotion.

19. B. Margaret of Colonna, Virgin.

Ant. *Veni, sponsa Chris-*

Ant. Come, spouse of

ti, accipe coronam quam tibi Dominus præparavit in æternum.	Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee for eternity.

At Lauds :

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.	*V*. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.	*R*. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

At Vespers :

V. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.	*V*. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.
R. Intende, prospere procede, et regna.	*R*. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui beatam Margaritam virginem tuo amore succensam in mundi contemptu mirabilem effecisti, ejus nobis intercessione concede, ut crucem jugiter ferentes, tibi uni adhæreamus.	O God, who didst endow blessed Margaret, Thy virgin, all on fire with the love of Thee, with a wonderful contempt of the world; grant us, by her intercession, continually to carry our cross, and to follow Thee only.

22. B. JOHN OF PEACE, CONFESSOR.

Ant. Hic vir, despiciens mundum, et terrena triumphans, divitias cœlo condidit ore, manu.	*Ant.* This man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, hath laid up treasure in heaven, by word and deed.

V. Justum deduxit Dominus per vias rectas.

R. Et ostendit illi regnum Dei.

V. The Lord led the just through right ways.

R. And showed him the kingdom of God.

Oremus.

Deus, qui nos beati Joannis confessoris tui annua solemnitate lætificas, concede propitius, ut cujus natalitia colimus, etiam actiones imitemur.

Let us pray.

O God, who dost gladden us with the annual solemnity of blessed John, Thy confessor; mercifully grant that, as we celebrate his birthday, we may also imitate his actions.

23. B. NICHOLAS FACTOR, CONFESSOR.

Antiphon and Versicle*, Hic vir, &c., *the same as on the preceding festival.

Oremus.

Deus, qui beatum Nicolaum confessorem tuum ineffabili charitatis tuæ igne succensum, te puro corde sectari fecisti; da nobis famulis tuis, ut eodem spiritu repleti et charitate ferventes, viam mandatorum tuorum inoffenso pede curramus.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst inflame blessed Nicholas, Thy confessor, with an ineffable love of Thee, and didst cause him to follow Thee with a pure heart; grant to us Thy servants, that being filled with the same spirit, and burning with the same charity, we may run without stumbling in the way of Thy commandments.

FOR THE ASPERSION OF HOLY WATER,

WHICH SHOULD BE DONE EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE MASS.

The Priest intones:

Asperges me.

The Choir continue:

Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor; lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor; lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.
R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Exaudi nos, Domine, sancte Pater omnipotens æterne Deus, et mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de cœlis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet, atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

On the Sundays of the Passion and Palm Sunday the Asperges *are sung in the following manner:*

The Celebrant:

Asperges me.

The Choir:

Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor; lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor; lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

V. Ostende nobis, &c., *as before.*

During Paschal time, that is to say, from Easter Sunday till Whit Sunday inclusive, instead of the Asperges, &c., *the following Antiphon is said:*

The Celebrant:

Vidi aquam.

The Choir:

Egredientem de templo a latere dextero, alleluia; et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt: et dicent, alleluia, alleluia.

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus: quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo a latere dextero, alleluia, et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, alleluia.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis, alleluia.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem, &c., *as before.*

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

O salutaris Hostia,
Quæ cœli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

The following liturgical prayers may then be sung or said:

Magnificat.

The Litanies of the Blessed Virgin are then said or sung:

Tota pulchra es.

Inviolata, integra et casta es, Maria,
Quæ es effecta fulgida cœli porta.
O Mater alma Christi charissima!
Suscipe pia laudum præconia.
Nostra ut pura pectora sint et corpora,
Te nunc flagitant devota corda et ora.
Tua per precata dulcisona,
Nobis impetres veniam per sæcula.
O benigna!
O Regina!
O Maria!
Quæ sola inviolata permansisti.

Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo: ne in æternum irascaris nobis.

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

V. In Conceptione tua, Virgo, immaculata fuisti.

R. Ora pro nobis Patrem, cujus Filium peperisti.

V. Signasti, Domine, servum tuum Franciscum.
R. Signis Redemptionis nostræ.

At the meetings of the Brothers:

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Ludovice.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

At the meetings of the Sisters:

V. Ora pro nobis, beata Elisabeth.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Domine, non secundum peccata nostra facias nobis.

R. Neque secundum iniquitates nostras retribuas nobis.

V. Oremus pro Pontifice nostro *N.*

R. Dominus conservet eum, et vivificet eum, et beatum faciat eum in terra, et non tradat eum in animam inimicorum ejus.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per Immaculatam, &c. Domine Jesu Christe, &c.; *and* Deus, qui beatum Ludovicum, &c.; *or* Tuorum corda fidelium, &c.

Deus, cui proprium est misereri semper, et parcere: suscipe deprecationem nostram; ut nos et omnes famulos tuos, quos delictorum catena constringit, miseratio tuæ pietatis clementer absolvat.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, miserere famulo tuo Pontifici nostro *N.*, et dirige eum secundum tuam clementiam in viam salutis æternæ; ut te donante tibi placita cupiat, et tota virtute perficiat.

HYMN TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Pange, lingua, gloriosi
Corporis mysterium
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium,
Fructus ventris generosi,
Rex effudit gentium.

Nobis datus, nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparso verbi semine,
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.

In supremæ nocte cœnæ
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene
Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbæ duodenæ
Se dat suis manibus.

Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carnem, efficit:
Fitque sanguis Christi merum;
Et si sensus deficit,
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit.

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.
Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

Paschal time, the Octave of the Blessed Sacrament,
the Prayers of the "Forty Hours," the Alleluia *is*
ed to the Versicles.

Oremus.

us, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis
emoriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos
is et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut
tionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus.
vis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

er noster, qui es in cœlis, sanctificetur nomen
adveniat regnum tuum: fiat voluntas tua, sicut
o et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da
odie: et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos
mus debitoribus nostris: et ne nos inducas in
onem: sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

e, Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta
ulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.
Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
t in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Credo in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem cœli et terræ. Et in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus unicum Dominum nostrum, qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus: descendit ad inferos, tertia die resurrexit a mortuis; ascendit ad cœlos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis: inde venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam catholicam, sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam æternam. Amen.

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, beato Patri nostro Francisco, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi, Pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, beatum Patrem nostrum Franciscum, omnes Sanctos, et te, Pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

Misereatur nostri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis nostris, perducat nos ad vitam æternam.
R. Amen.

Indulgentiam, absolutionem et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.
R. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE OFFICE.

Aperi, Domine, os meum ad benedicendum nomen *sanctum* tuum: munda quoque cor meum ab omnibus vanis, perversis et alienis cogitationibus: intellectum illumina, affectum inflamma, ut digne, attente ac devote hoc Officium recitare valeam, et exaudiri merear ante conspectum divinæ Majestatis tuæ. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Domine, in unione illius divinæ intentionis, qua ipse in terris laudes Deo persolvisti, has tibi Horas persolvo.

PRAYER AFTER OFFICE.

Sacrosanctæ et individuæ Trinitati, crucifixi Domini nostri Jesu Christi humanitati, beatissimæ et gloriosissimæ semperque virginis Mariæ fœcundæ integritati, et omnium Sanctorum universitati, sit sempiterna laus, honor, virtus et gloria, ab omni creatura, nobisque remissio omnium peccatorum, per infinita sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Beata viscera Mariæ virginis, quæ portaverunt æterni Patris Filium.

R. Et beata ubera, quæ lactaverunt Christum Dominum.

Pater noster, &c.

Ave, Maria, &c.

N.B. Pope Leo X. has granted to all persons who are bound to say the Divine Office, or that of the B. Virgin, the remission of all faults or frailties in the recitation of the said offices, provided they shall say these two prayers devoutly kneeling, which were composed by St. Bonaventura.

BLESSING OF THE CORD OF OUR SERAPHIC FATHER ST. FRANCIS.

The person who is to receive the cord kneels; and the Priest, authorised to give the blessing, in surplice and stole, says:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Ora pro nobis, beate Pater Francisce.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Father Francis.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui ut servum redimeres, Filium tuum per manus impiorum ligari voluisti: benedic +, quæsumus, Funem istum, et præsta, ut Famulus tuus, *qui eo*, velut ligamine pœ-	O God, who, to redeem a servant, didst will that Thy Son should be bound by the hands of impious men; bless, + we beseech Thee, this cord, and grant that Thy servant who shall

li sui corporis cin-
inculorum ejusdem
nostri Jesu Christi
o memor existat, et
ı devotionis, quem
;, perenniter perse-
iisque cum affectu
obsequiis se alli-
sse cognoscat. Per
ı Christum, &c.
en.

Oremus.

potens sempiterne
ui omnibus pecca-
quærentibus veni-
isericordiam, quæ-
optata, misericor-
buisti: oramus im-
ı clementiam tuam,
em istum benedi-
t sanctificare +
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icordiæ consequa-
r Christum Domi-
trum. *R.* Amen.

be girded with it, as with a girdle of penance, may ever remain mindful of the bonds of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, and continually persevere in the order which he (or she) assumes, and feel himself (or herself) to be effectually bound to Thy service. Through the same our Lord, &c. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, who mercifully grantest to all sinners, seeking pardon and mercy, all that they desire and wish for; we pray Thee, of Thy great mercy, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless + and sanctify + this cord, that whoever shall be girded with it as a penance, and shall implore Thy mercy, may, through the merits and intercession of Thy most blessed servant Francis, our Father, obtain pardon of and remission of his (or her) sins, and the fruits of Thy divine mercy. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the cord with holy water, and gives it to the person, saying:

Accipe chordam beati Patris nostri Francisci, in signum timoris, temperantiæ et castitatis, ut sint lumbi tui præcincti. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Receive the cord of our blessed Father Francis, that thou mayst be girded therewith, as a sign of fear, temperance, and chastity. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Deus, qui Ecclesiam tuam, beati Patris nostri Francisci meritis fœtu novæ prolis amplificas: tribue nobis ex ejus imitatione terrena despicere, et cœlestium donorum semper participatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. ℟. Amen.

O God, who, through the merits of blessed Francis, dost enlarge Thy Church by the progeny of a new offspring; grant unto us that, by imitating him, we may despise earthly things, and ever rejoice in the participation of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord, &c. ℟. Amen.

The Priest adds immediately:

Ego auctoritate qua fungor et mihi concessa, recipio te, et suscipio ad participationem omnium bonorum spiritualium quæ in toto Ordine Seraphici Patris nostri Francisci, ex gratia Dei, peraguntur. In nomine Patris + et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

I, by the authority, which I administer, and which is given to me, receive thee to the full participation of all the spiritual blessings which are, by the grace of God, attached to the whole Order of our Seraphic Father Francis. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, + et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super te et maneat semper. *R.* Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon thee, and abide for ever. *R.* Amen.

Absolution with Plenary Indulgence for the Brothers and Sisters of the Cord at the Article of Death.

Confiteor, &c.; Misereatur, &c.; Indulgentiam, &c.

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, per merita suæ sacratissimæ Passionis, te absolvat, et gratiam suam tibi infundat. Et ego, auctoritate ipsius, et beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et Summorum Pontificum mihi in hac parte commissa, absolvo te ab omni vinculo excommunicationis et interdicti, si quod incurristi, et restituo te unitati et communioni fidelium, necnon sanctis Sacramentis Ecclesiæ. Item eadem auctoritate absolvo te a peccatis tuis, tibique relaxo omnes pœnas purgatorii, quas pro peccatis commissis meruisti, concedens tibi remissionem et indulgentiam plenariam *omnium peccatorum* tuo-

May our Lord Jesus Christ, through the merits of His most holy Passion, absolve thee and fill thee with His grace; and by His authority, and also by that of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of the Supreme Pontiffs, with which I am commissioned in this part, I absolve thee from every bond of excommunication and interdict, if thou shouldst have fallen into any, and restore thee to the union and communion of the faithful, and to the holy Sacraments of the Church. Likewise by the same authority, I absolve thee from thy sins, and relieve thee from all the pains of purgatory, which thou hast deserved for thy rum, et restituo te illi innocentiæ in qua eras quando baptizatus fuisti. In nomine Patris, + et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

sins; and I grant to thee remission and plenary indulgence of all thy sins, and restore thee to thy baptismal innocence. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Quod si hac vice non discesseris, reservo tibi hanc gratiam usque ad extremum tuæ mortis articulum.

And, if thou keepest in this disposition, I reserve this grace for thee, even to the last moment of thy life.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF OUR FATHER, ST. FRANCIS.

On the festival of our Seraphic Father it is the custom in all the churches of the Three Orders to keep a solemn Commemoration of his death. At sunset, at the hour of his death, or immediately after Vespers, the Religious arrange themselves in the chapel which is dedicated to him, and chant alternately the Psalm, Voce mea ad Dominum clamavi, *which he himself recited at the time of his decease.*

Ant. O sanctissima anima, in cujus transitu cœli cives occurrunt, angelorum chorus exultat, et gloriosa Trinitas invitat dicens: Mane nobiscum in æternum.

Ant. O most holy soul, whom the inhabitants of heaven hasten to salute on thy passage, the choir of angels receive with joy, and the glorious Trinity welcomes, saying: Abide with us through all eternity.

Psalm cxli.

Voce mea ad Dominum clamavi: voce mea ad Dominum deprecatus sum.	I cried to the Lord with my voice: with my voice I made supplication to the Lord.
Effundo in conspectu ejus orationem meam: et tribulationem meam ante ipsum pronuntio.	In His sight I pour out my prayer: and before Him I declare my trouble.
In deficiendo ex me spiritum meum: et tu cognovisti semitas meas.	When my spirit failed me: then thou knewest my paths.
In via hac qua ambulabam: absconderunt laqueum mihi.	In the way wherein I walked: they have hidden a snare for me.
Considerabam ad dexteram et videbam: et non erat qui cognosceret me.	I looked on my right hand: and, behold, and there was no man that would know me.
Periit fuga a me: et non est qui requirat animam meam.	Flight hath failed me: and there is no one that hath regard unto my soul.
Clamavi ad te, Domine; dixi: Tu es spes mea, portio mea in terra viventium.	I cried to Thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope, my portion in the land of the living.
Intende ad deprecationem meam: quia humiliatus sum nimis.	Hearken to my supplication: for I am brought very low.
Libera me a persequentibus me: quia confortati sunt super me.	Deliver me from them that persecute me: for they are strengthened against me.
Educ de custodia animam meam ad confiten-	Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise

dum nomini tuo: me expectant justi donec retribuas mihi.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Thy name: the just wait for me until Thou reward me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

After the Psalm, they kneel, and recite five **Paters,** *five* **Ave Marias,** *and five* **Gloria Patris**; *then the following Antiphon is chanted:*

Salve, sancte Pater, patriæ lux, forma Minorum, virtutis speculum, recti via, regula morum; carnis ab exilio duc nos ad regna polorum.

Hail, holy Father, glory of thy country, model of the Brothers Minor, mirror of virtue, way of rectitude and justice, rule of morals and conduct; from this exile of the body conduct us to the kingdom of heaven.

V. Franciscus, pauper et humilis, cœlum dives ingreditur.

R. Hymnis cœlestibus honoratur.

V. Francis, poor and humble, rich in merits, enter into heaven.

R. Celestial hymns are sung in his honour.

Oremus.

Deus, qui hodierna die animæ beati Patris nostri Francisci æternæ beatitudinis præmia contulisti: concede propitius; ut qui ejus migrationis memoriam piis affectibus celebramus, ad ejusdem beatitudinis præmia feliciter pervenire mereamur. Per Dominum

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day didst confer the reward of eternal felicity on the soul of our Father St. Francis; mercifully grant that they who, with pious affections, celebrate the commemoration of his death, may happily attain the joys of the same most

nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

blessed eternity. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Afterwards the officiating Priest in cope gives the Benediction with the relic of St. Francis, and at the same time the bell is rung.

THE END.

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APPENDIX.

A RULE has been drawn up at Ara Cœli for the use of the Tertiary Sisters in the Diocese of Westminster, which is slightly different from the one to be found in the first volume of this *Manual.*

It will be printed separately, and may be obtained on application at the Mother House.

The ceremonial proposed for the use of the Tertiary Sisters is here appended, together with several forms which had been omitted: such as the grace before and after meals; the form for announcing the death of one of their members, with the form of Profession, which must be sent to obtain the suffrages; and the Horarium of the Ara Cœli. A special antiphon of the Immaculate Conception has likewise been added, as it is to be used after Mass and at all meetings of the Order. Also, the blessing of St. Francis, which should be in the cell of each Tertiary; the dispensations granted by Ara Cœli to those who cannot keep the Rule;

the formularies for the Culpa, and on minor notices.

In the catalogue of Indulgences gr the Holy See, as well as in the Calend is a slight discrepancy between the F and Capuchin Manuals, but only as five Saints' days in the year. These h inserted to insure uniformity in all th of the Order.

GRACE BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS.

BEFORE DINNER.

The Superior says Grace, as follows:

Benedicite.

And all repeat:

Benedicite.

Afterwards say:

V. Oculi omnium.	*V.* The eyes of all.

And all continue:

In te sperant, Domine, et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.	Wait on Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Aperis tu manum tuam, et imples omne animal benedictione.	Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*in secret*).
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* And deliver us from evil.

Then the Superior says:

Oremus.	Let us pray.
Benedic, Domine, nos, et hæc tua dona quæ de tua largitate sumus sumpturi; per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.	Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which Thou bountifully bestowest upon us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Afterwards the Reader says:

Jube, domne, benedicere.	Command, rev. father (or mother), praises to be said.
Mensæ cœlestis participes faciat nos Rex æternæ gloriæ.	May the King of eternal glory make us partakers of heavenly food.

AFTER DINNER.

After dinner follows the Grace, in this manner (said by Reader):

Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.	Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
R. Deo gratias.	*R.* Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.
V. Confiteantur tibi, Domine, omnia opera tua.	*V.* Let all Thy works praise Thee, O Lord.

R. Et Sancti tui benedicant tibi.	*R.* And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.
V. Gloria Patri.	*V.* Glory, &c.

Then the Superior says:

Agimus tibi gratias, omnipotens Deus, pro universis beneficiis tuis; qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	We give thanks to Thee, O omnipotent God, for all these Thy benefits: who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Miserere *Psalm is said alternately (antiphonally).*

Miserere mei Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.	1 Have mercy upon me, O God: according to Thy great mercy.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.	2 And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies: blot out my iniquity.
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.	3 Wash me yet more from my iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin.
Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.	4 For I acknowledge my iniquity: and my sin is always before me.
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.	5 Against Thee only have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in	6 For behold, I was conceived in iniquities: and

peccatis concepit me mater mea.	in sins did my mother conceive me.
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.	7 For behold, Thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest unto me.
Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.	8 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.
Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiam: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.	9 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: and the bones that were humbled shall rejoice.
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.	10 Turn away Thy face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities.
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.	11 Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.
Ne projicias me a facie tua: et Spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.	12 Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.
Redde mihi lætitiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.	13 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.
Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.	14 I will teach the unjust Thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted unto Thee.

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ: et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.	15 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.
Dominè, labia mea aperies: et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.	16 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.
Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.	17 For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would surely have given it: with burnt-offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.
Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies.	18 The sacrifice of God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem.	19 Deal favourably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.
Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, oblationes, et holocausta: tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.	20 Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings: then shall they lay calves upon thine altars.
Gloria Patri.	Glory, &c.

Psalm cxvi.

Laudate Dominum, om-	Praise the Lord, all ye

nes gentes: laudate eum, omnes populi.	gentiles: praise Him, all ye people.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.	For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Gloria Patri.	Glory, &c.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Superior says:

Pater noster.	Our Father (*in secret*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
V. Dispersit, dedit pauperibus.	*V.* He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor.
R. Justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.	*R.* His righteousness remaineth for ever.
V. Benedicam Dominum in omni tempore.	*V.* Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.
R. Semper laus ejus in ore meo.	*R.* His praise shall ever be in my mouth.
V. In Domino laudabitur anima mea.	*V.* My soul rejoiceth in the Lord.
R. Audiant mansueti, et lætentur.	*R.* The humble shall hear and be glad.

V. Magnificate Dominum mecum.	*V*. Praise ye the Lord with me.
R. Et exaltemus nomen ejus in idipsum.	*R*. And let us magnify His name together.
V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V*. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	*R*. Now and for evermore.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Retribuere dignare, Domine, omnibus nobis bona facientibus propter nomen tuum vitam æternam. Amen.	Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good. Amen.
R. Benedicamus Domino.	*R*. Let us give thanks to God.
R. Deo gratias.	*R*. Thanks be to God.
V. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace. Amen.	*V*. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*in secret*).

This ended, the Superior says:

Deus det nobis suam pacem. Amen.	May God give us His peace. Amen.
Et vitam æternam. Amen.	And life everlasting. Amen.

BEFORE SUPPER.

Before Supper, the Superior says Grace, as follows:

Benedicite.

And all repeat:

Benedicite.

Then the Superior says:

Edent paupéres, et saturabuntur.	The poor shall eat, and be satisfied.

And all continue:

Et laudabunt Dominum qui requirunt eum: vivent corda eorum in sæculum sæculi.	And they that seek after the Lord shall praise Him: your heart shall live for ever.
Gloria Patri.	Glory, &c.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*in secret*).
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	*V.* And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	*R.* But deliver us from evil.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Benedic, Domine, nos, et hæc tua dona, quæ de tua largitate sumus sumpturi, per Christum, Dominum nostrum. Amen.	Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy bounteous gifts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
Lector. Jube, domne, benedicere.	*Reader.* Command, reverend father (or mother), praises to be said.

Ad cœnam vitæ æternæ perducat nos Rex æternæ gloriæ.	May the King of eternal glory lead us to the feast of eternal life.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

AFTER SUPPER.

At the end of Supper is said:

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum misericors et miserator Dominus.	The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done His marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.
R. Escam dedit timentibus se.	*R.* He hath given meat unto them that fear Him.
Gloria Patri.	Glory be, &c.

Superior says:

Benedictus Deus in donis suis, et sanctus in omnibus operibus suis: qui vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	Blessed be God in these His gifts. He is holy in all His works, who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

Here follows this Psalm, said alternately:

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: laudate eum, omnes populi.	Praise God, all ye gentiles: praise Him, all ye people.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.	For His merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and His truth endureth for ever.
Gloria Patri.	Glory, &c.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
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V. Magnificate Dominum mecum.	*V*. Praise ye the Lord with me.
R. Et exaltemus nomen ejus in idipsum.	*R*. And let us magnify His name together.
V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V*. Let the name of the Lord be blessed.
R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.	*R*. Both now and for evermore.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
*R*etribuere dignare, Do-	Vouchsafe, O Lord, for

mine, omnibus nobis bona facientibus propter nomen tuum vitam æternam. Amen.	Thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good. Amen.
V. Benedicamus Domino.	*V*. Let us give thanks to God.
R. Deo gratias.	*R*. Thanks be to God.
V. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.	*V*. May the souls of the faithful, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.	*R*. Amen.
Pater noster (*secreto*).	Our Father (*in silence*).

When finished, the Superior says:

Deus det nobis suam pacem.	May God give us His peace.
R. Amen.	*R*. Amen.

Psalm cxxix.

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi vocem meam.	Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
Fiant aures tuæ intendentes: in vocem deprecationis meæ.	O, let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.
Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?	If Thou, Lord, shalt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?
Quia apud te propitiatio est: et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.	For with Thee there is propitiation: and because of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.
Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus: speravit anima mea in Domino.	My soul hath waited on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem: speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia: et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel: ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

Gloria Patri.

V. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine.

R. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Oremus.

Fidelium Deus omnium Conditor et Redemptor animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum: ut indulgentiam, quam semper optaverunt piis supplicationibus consequantur. Per Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, Dominum nostrum: qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

From the morning watch even until night: let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant unto the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that by pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Grant this, O God, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

IN THE ARA CŒLI.

Form of Notice to be sent to all Tertiaries on the Death of one of their Members.

The soul of our dear
having passed into the next life on

you will (in accordance with the 14th Chapter of our Rule) consider it an obligation to offer the prescribed suffrages by the recitation of the entire Office for the Dead, or of fifty "Pater Nosters," with the "Requiem," &c.

"Benefac justo, et invenies retributionem magnam."—*Eccli.* xii. 2.

(Signed)

The Father Visitor.
Brother Minister.

NOS COMMISSARIUS VISITATOR

TERTII ORDINIS S. P. N. FRANCISCI IN ECCLESIA MIN. OBSERV. SANCTÆ MARIÆ
DE ARA CŒLI URBIS.

Dilect nobis plurimum in Christo

Salutem in Domino sempiternam.

Seraphicum Tertii Ordinis Institutum supra montem Catholicæ Fidei fundatum, summisque Pontificibus magnopere commendatum et auctum, eo solidius apparet, quo Professores ejusdem in susceptæ veritatis exercitatione humiliter perseverant. Quoniam vero tu, expleto jam tui Novitiatus anno, laudati Ordinis Regulam profiteri postulasti, nos pietati tuæ, dignis testimoniis commendatæ, favere volentes, te ad ejusdem Regulæ Professionem admisimus, et uti admiss et profess omnibus et singulis ad quos spectat declaramus per præsentes. Potentia Patris te adjuvet: Sapientia Filii te dirigat: Virtus Spiritus Sancti te confirmet. Vale et nostri tuis in orationibus memor esto.

Dat. Romæ ex Conv. Ara Cœli die

Fr. *Commissarius Visitator.*
Reg. *Fr.* *a Secretis.*

N.B. Notice is hereby given to summon the Father Visitor before death, so as to receive the Absolution with the Plenary Indulgence; and after death this paper must be sent to obtain the suffrages.

WE, COMMISSARY VISITOR

OF THE THIRD ORDER OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS OF LIGHTER OBSERVANCE IN THE CHURCH,

Established at St. Mary of Ara Cœli in Rome.

To our well-beloved in Christ,

Eternal salvation in the Lord.

The Seraphic Institute of the Third Order, founded upon the mountain of the Catholic Faith, and by the supreme Pontiffs greatly commended and enlarged, appears the more firm, inasmuch as the Professors of the same persevere humbly in the practice of the truth which they have taken up. Now, since thou, having completed the year of thy Novitiate, hast requested to make profession of the Rule of the said Order, we, willing to promote thy piety, which worthy testimonies have shown approved, have admitted thee to the Profession of the said Order, and by these presents we make declaration to all and each whom it concerns that thou hast been admitted and hast professed. The Power of the Father help thee; the Wisdom of the Son direct thee; the Influence of the Holy Spirit strengthen thee. Farewell, and in thy prayers be mindful of us.

Given at Rome from the Convent of Ara Cœli,
the day *Brother* *Commissary Visitor.*
Brother *Secretary.*

HORARIUM

For the Oratory of the Brothers and Sisters of the Secular Third Order of our Holy Father St. Francis, in the Ara Cœli, Rome.

(The letter O indicates the hours A.M. or P.M. The letter Q the quarters.)

	O.	Q.		O.	Q.
	A.	M.		P.	M.
January	8	..		2	2
February	7	3		3	1
„ 22d	7	2	Feast of St. Margaret of Cortona	..	..
March	7	2		3	2
April	7	1		4	..
May	7	1		4	3
June	7	..		5	1
July	7	..		5	1
August	7	1		vac	ant
„ 25th	7	1	Feast of St. Louis, King of France	..	..
September	vac	ant		3	3
October	7	3		3	..
November	7	3		2	1
„ 19th	7	3	Feast of St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary	..	..
December	8	..		2	1

NOTICE.

On the 2d of February the Brothers alone will attend the service at half-past three P.M. and recite the *Office* of Our Lady.

On the 1st of November the Brothers will again at-nd at half-past three P.M. for the Office of the Dead; nd at the same hour on the Sunday within the Octave All Saints, for the Office of the departed Brothers and isters of our Order, for whom on the following Monday e Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at half-past ven A.M., at which Mass both Brothers and Sisters ust be present.

On the 8th of December the Brothers must be in e Oratory at three o'clock punctually, to take part in e solemn procession of the Immaculate Mother of od. On all such occasions the habit of the Order ust be worn.

Should any alteration be made in these hours, due tice will be given.

NEW ANTIPHON OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

TO BE USED AFTER ALL OFFICES AND AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE ORDER.

This is the chosen vessel of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete. This is the glorious city of God. This is the strong woman who bruised the Serpent's head. This is the brilliant sun, the glorious moon, the glowing dawn, the bright star.

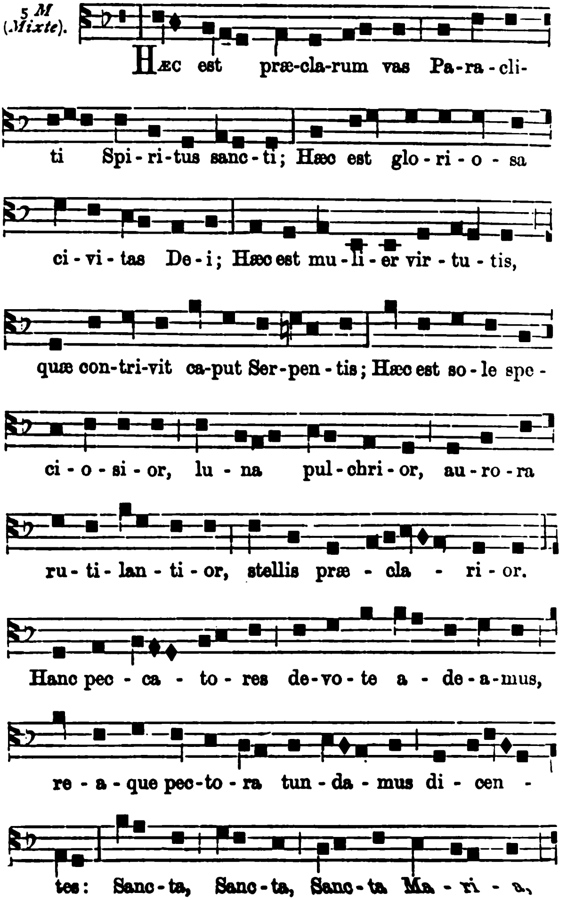
On account of this, we sinners devoutly approach and beat our guilty breasts, and say: Holy, holy, holy, Mary our Lady, merciful and pious, make us participate in thy celestial joys. Hear us, O Mary, for thy Son refuses nothing to those that honour thee. Save us, Jesus, Messiah! for whom Thy Virgin Mother pleads to Thee.

V. In all our sorrows and tribulations.

R. Help us, O blessed Virgin Mary.

Let us pray.

Defend, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this Thy family from all adversity, through the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, and all Thy Saints; and with our whole hearts prostrate before Thee, in Thy mercy drive far from us the snares of the enemy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.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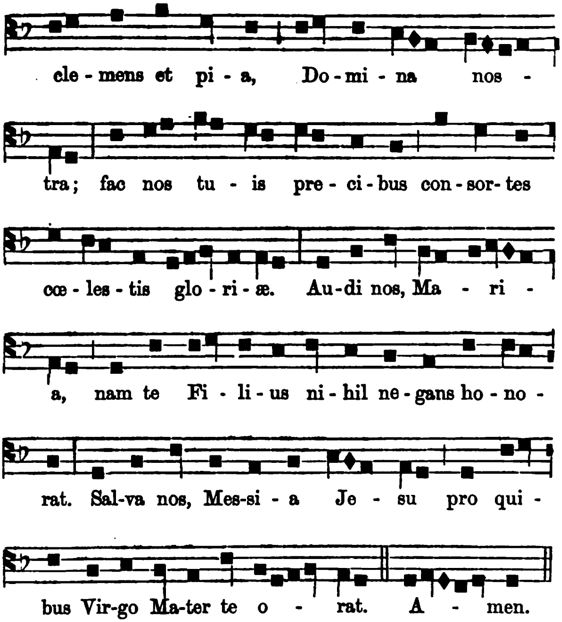
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cœ - les - tis glo - ri - æ. Au - di nos, Ma - ri -
a, nam te Fi - li - us ni - hil ne - gans ho - no -
rat. Sal-va nos, Mes-si - a Je - su pro qui -
bus Vir-go Ma-ter te o - rat. A - men.

V. In omni tribulatione et angustia nostra.
R. Succurre nobis, piissima Virgo Maria.

Oremus.

Defende, quæsumus Domine, beata Maria semper Virgine intercedente, cum omnibus sanctis tuis, istam ab omni adversitate familiam, et toto corde tibi prostratam, ab hostium propitius tuere clementer insidiis; per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF ST. FRANCIS.

Benedicat tibi Dominus et custodiat te. Ostendat faciem suam tibi, et misereatur tui, convertat vultum suum ad te; et det tibi pacem. Dominus benedicat te. +

This blessing was given to Moses by Almighty God, and by Christ Himself to our seraphical Father St. Francis.

Those who carry it about with them with lively faith and devotion will receive many graces, spiritual and temporal. It is a preservation in childbearing, thunder and lightning, sickness, sudden death, dangers at sea, in the stratagems and temptations of the devil, and many other dangers.

DISPENSATIONS.

In the name of God and of our Holy Father
St. Francis.

To professed
of the Third Order of our Holy Father St. Francis, in Ara Cœli,

in order that he (or she) may not lose the merit of the prescribed Rule, and may still participate in some of its observances during life, and in its spiritual privileges after death, we have commuted, in special cases, and for a just cause, the following obligations:

1. The Fast of all the Fridays in the year.
2. The Fast of Wednesday in the month of November.
3. The daily Fast during Advent.
4. The abstinence from meat during all the Wednesdays in the year.
5. The recitation of the Divine Office.
6. The celebration of the three Masses in each year.
7. The recitation of the Office for the Dead for each departed Brother and Sister, or of the fifty "Pater nosters" and "Requiem æternam."
8. The recitation of the said Office, or of the hundred "Pater nosters" and "Requiems" once in the year, for all the defunct Brothers and Sisters (and that, if possible, during the Octave of All Souls).

Roma, Ara Cœli.

(Signed) *Father Visitor.*
Father Rector.

N.B. In the above dispensations and commutations from fasting, the Fasts of the Church are not included, for which other faculties must be obtained.

FORMULARY OF THE "CULPA."

Said by the Sisters before Holy Communion.

I humbly confess my faults to the Mother Abbess, to the Mother Vicaress, and to all the other Mothers and Sisters; and if I have troubled or scandalised them, or set a bad example, I beseech them to pardon me all I have done wrong, for the love of God.

ANOTHER FORMULARY.

The Sister, kneeling at the feet of the Mother Abbess, says, "Benedicite," *and kisses the end of her scapular; after which she continues:*

I confess my faults, which I   have committed   , and beseech the Mother Abbess to impose upon me a penance. I beg of all the Sisters to forgive the bad example I have given to them, and to recommend me to our Lord, in order that I may have grace and strength to amend them.

MEMORANDUM.

At the Ara Cœli the scapulars given are three or four inches wide, with the arms of St. Francis in linen tacked on to the serge.

To gain the Indulgence for what are called the "Cross" Prayers, that is, those said with the arms extended in the shape of a Cross, six Paters and Aves are now required instead of five.

In the Catalogue of Indulgences granted by the Holy See, there is a slight discrepancy in the days on which such Indulgences can be obtained between the Franciscan and Capuchin Manuals; but only as regards five of the Saints'-days in the year. These are as follows:

JANUARY.

"St. Berard and his Companions." On the 16th in the Capuchin, and on the 17th in the Franciscan Calendar.

FEBRUARY.

"St. Margaret of Cortona." On the 23d in the Capuchin, and on the 22d in the Franciscan Calendar.

MARCH.

"St. Catherine of Bologna." On the 11th in the Capuchin, and on the 9th in the Franciscan Calendar.

JULY.

"St. Nicholas and his Companions." On the 11th in the Capuchin, and on the 9th in the Franciscan Calendar.

SEPTEMBER.

"St. Pacificus of San Severino." On the 25th in the Capuchin, and on the 24th in the Franciscan Calendar.

All the rest are identical; but these errata are inserted so that there might be entire uniformity with the Franciscan Order all over the world.

THE

"CEREMONIALE" OF THE RELIGIOUS

OF THE

THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS,

Called after St. Elizabeth,

ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM AND OBSERVANCE OF
THE VEN. MONASTERY OF ST. BERNARDIN
DE URBE.

When the Religious of the Ven. Monastery of St. Bernardin de Urbe keep strict enclosure, the "Ceremoniale" approved by the other monasteries, where enclosure properly called is not admitted, may, if it pleases the Superiors, be adopted under change of circumstances, provided that the peculiar constitutions of each monastery are preserved.

THE FORM TO BE OBSERVED

AT THE

CLOTHING OF A RELIGIOUS OR SISTER NOVICE

Of the Third Order of St. Francis, called of " St. Elizabeth de Observantia," according to the use and custom of the venerable Monastery of St. Bernardin de Urbe.

First, the Bishop or Cardinal, each being vested with the vestments suitable to his order and dignity, and standing before the altar, either himself makes a short discourse, if it seems fit to him, or causes one to be made by another, about the contempt of the world, or says some few words for the edification of his hearers. The discourse being finished and candles being lighted in the hands of all present, the novice genuflects before the Bishop and says :

Confiteor Deo, &c.	I confess to Almighty God, &c.

Then the Bishop gives Absolution as follows :

Misereatur tui Omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam.	May Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem pec-	May the almighty and merciful Lord grant thee

catorum tuorum tribuat tibi omnipotens, et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, per suam piissimam misericordiam, et per merita suæ sacratissimæ Passionis te absolvat, et gratiam suam tibi infundat; et ego, auctoritate gratiarum, et privilegiorum isti Sacro Ordini a Summis Pontificibus Indultorum, absolvo te ab omni sententia majoris et minoris excommunicationis et interdictis, si quam contraxisti, et restituo te Sacramentis sacrosanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ, et omnibus actibus legitimis. Item eadem auctoritate ego absolvo te ab omnibus peccatis tuis, in quantum possum et valeo in hoc foro, et in quantum ipsa auctoritas se extendit, in nomine Patris, + et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.

R. Amen.

pardon, absolution, and remission of thy sins.

R. Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, by His most holy mercy, and by the merits of His most sacred Passion, absolve thee and fill thee with His grace; and I, by the authority of the favours and privileges granted to this Sacred Order by the Supreme Pontiffs, absolve thee from every sentence of the greater or lesser excommunication and interdict, if thou shouldest have incurred any; and I restore thee to the Sacraments of our most holy Mother Church, and to all lawful acts. Likewise, by the same authority I absolve thee from all thy sins, as far as I am able and have power in this part, and as far as the authority itself extends, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

Afterwards the Bishop says :

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui propter tuam solitam bonitatem, et per mortem unigeniti Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum fractum misericorditer restaurare dignatus es, ut nos a morte perpetua liberares, et ad gaudia perduceres Paradisi ; respice, clementer quæsumus, pietatis oculo præsentem humilem et devotam familiam tuam, hic hodie in tuo nomine congregatam, de qua famulus tuus Pater noster beatus Franciscus, ut tibi augeatur credentium numerus, extitit Institutor, ut eam supra Petram fundes, et ab omnibus turbationibus mundi, carnis, et diaboli sit secura, atque incedens per *tuorum semitam* man-

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, who through Thy wonted goodness, and by the death of Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, hast mercifully deigned to restore the fallen world, that Thou mightest free us from eternal death, and conduct us to the joys of Paradise ; regard, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eye of Thy goodness this Thy family here assembled this day in Thy name, of which Thy servant Saint Francis became the Founder, in order that the number of those who believe in Thee might be increased ; so that Thou mayest establish it upon the Rock, that it may be secure from all attacks of the world, the

datorum, post ergastulum præsentis vitæ, meritis ejusdem Filii tui acerbissimæ Passionis, et intemeratæ Matris ejus Virginis gloriosæ Mariæ, ac ejusdem beati Francisci, tuorumque omnium Sanctorum, vera tua gaudia possideat sempiterna. Qui cum eodem Filio tuo, et Spiritu sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

flesh, and the devil; and walking in the path of Thy commandments, it may, after the bondage of this present life, attain unto true and everlasting joy, through the merits of the most bitter Passion of the same Thy Son, and of His immaculate Mother, the most glorious Mary ever Virgin, and of the same Saint Francis, and of all Thy Saints; who, with the same Thy Son, and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of the Habit.

℣. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

℟. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

℣. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

℟. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

℣. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

℣. Dominus vobiscum.

℟. Et cum spiritu tuo.

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

℣. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

℟. From this time forth, for evermore.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

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quæ in eo sunt,
: hominem creasti,
torum beneficiorum
et tibi semper gra-
ıe + dic, et sancti +
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ım produxisti; re-
etiam, quæsumus,
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r charitatem Agni
ulati, dilecti Filii
ɔmini nostri, Jesu
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ntiam illa secum
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in sæcula sæculo-
℟. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who for the sake of man didst create the world and all that is therein, that he might ever be grateful for such great benefits; bless + and sanctify + by the signing of this sign of Thy invincible cross these garments, which for the use of man Thou hast produced from the wool of sheep; look down also, we beseech Thee, upon this Thy servant N., for the love of the Immaculate Lamb, Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that by the power of these garments her soul may be spiritually clothed with holy virtues, and her body secure from all defilements and attacks, so that, being shut out from the pomps of this world, she may unfailingly persevere in good resolutions, and at length attain to Thee. Who livest and reignest with the same Thy Son, and the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

℟. Amen.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, a quo bona cuncta procedunt, clementiam tuam humiliter imploramus, ut vestimenta ista humilitatem cordis et contemptum mundi significantia bene + dicere, et sancti + ficare digneris, quatenus huic famulæ tuæ, quæ pro amore tuo illis induetur voluntarie, sint salutis protectio, religionis cognitio, sanctitatis initium, et contra omnia tela inimici robusta defensio, ut in tuo sancto servitio perseverans, completo istius vitæ brevissimæ cursu, cœlestis gloriæ brachio præmietur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God, from whom all good things proceed, we humbly implore Thy mercy, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless + and sanctify + these garments, indicating humility of heart and contempt of the world, that they may be to this Thy servant, who of her own free will and for the love of Thee is about to be clothed with them; a guarantee of salvation, a mark of religion, the beginning of the holy life, and a strong defence against all the darts of the enemy, so that persevering in Thy holy service she may, when the course of this short life is ended, be rewarded by a crown of heavenly glory. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui tegumen nostræ mortalitatis te induere dignatus es, supplicationem nostram clementer exaudi,

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast deigned to put on the garb of our mortality, mercifully hear our supplication, that by the ut intercedente Beata Maria, Matre tua, semper Virgine, cum beatis apostolis tuis Petro et Paulo, atque beato Francisco, et omnibus sanctis, has vestes bene + dicas, puri + fices, et sancti + fices, quatenus ista famula tua, quæ eis induetur exterius, te induat, ut devota tibi in hac sancta religione semper persistens, vestimentum beatæ jucunditatis a te percipiat in futuro. Qui vivis, et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

intercession of Blessed Mary, Thy Mother, ever Virgin, of Thy holy apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Francis and all the saints, Thou wouldest bless, + purify, + and sanctify + these garments, in order that this Thy servant, who is outwardly to be clothed with them, may inwardly put Thee on, and being dedicated to Thee and ever persevering in this holy religion, may hereafter receive from Thee the blessed garment of everlasting felicity. Who livest and reignest world without end.

R. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE WHITE VEIL.

Oremus.

Suppliciter te, Domine, deprecamur, ut super hoc candidum velum ancillæ tuæ capiti hodie imponendum bene + dictio copiosa a tua benignitate descendat, ut sit velum bene + dictum, immacu + latum, et sanctifi + catum huic an-

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that of Thy goodness Thy abundant benediction may descend upon this white veil, which is this day to be placed on the head of Thy servant, so that it may be blest, + made immaculate, + and cillæ tuæ. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui per Apostolum tuum docuisti, ut mulieres in Ecclesia tua sancta velato capite starent ad ostendendum quod amatorum es illibatissimæ castitatis, bene + dic, et sancti + fica velum istud, et concede, ut sicut exterius pietatis et honestatis est signum, ita hanc, ancillam tuam, quæ debet ipsum gestare, in hac sacra religione sine macula semper custodias, et bonis operibus abundare facias, et tandem in cœlo sanctorum consortio feliciter jungas. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

sanctified for her. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us that women should be present in Thy holy Church with veiled heads, to show that Thou art a lover of the most perfect chastity, bless + and sanctify + this veil, and grant that, as it is an eternal sign of holiness and purity, so Thou mayest ever preserve without spot this Thy servant, who is bound to wear it, in this holy order, and cause her to abound in good works, and at last admit her to the company of the saints in heaven. Who livest and reignest world without end.

R. Amen.

After this, the veil is sprinkled with holy water, and incensed. Then the Bishop, kneeling, commences the Hymn, Veni, Creator Spiritus, &c., Come, O Creator Spirit blest, &c., *which is continued by the Choir, or by those present. Then the Novice about to be clothed takes in her right hand the stole of the Bishop, and thus they proceed in procession to the gate of the convent, which the Novice*

alone enters; after she has knelt down, the Bishop and others return to the church, and stand before the larger grating. The Novice having entered, and being conducted by all the Sisters with lighted tapers in their hands to the choir or chapter, the Abbess immediately cuts off her hair, and whilst this is being done the Bishop says:

Dominus pars hæreditatis meæ et calicis mei, tu es qui restitues hæreditatem meam mihi.	The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my chalice; Thou art He who shalt restore my inheritance to me.

But when it is cut, the Bishop says:

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Præsta, quæsumus, Omnipotens Deus, hæc famula tua, cujus hodie comam capitis pro amore divino deposuit, in tua dilectione perpetuo maneat, et eam sine macula gratia tua in sempiternum custodiat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that this Thy servant, who has this day, for the love of Thee, laid aside her hair, may always continue in that love, and, through Thy mercy, ever preserve it without spot. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop takes from her her secular garments, saying:

Exuat te Dominus veterem hominem cum actibus suis.	May the Lord take from thee the old man with his actions.
R. Amen.	R. Amen.

And clothing her with the blessed habit, says:

Induat te Dominus novam creaturam, quæ secundum Deum creata est in justitia et sanctitate veritatis.	May the Lord clothe thee with the new creature, which, after God, has been created in justice, holiness, and truth.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

After the Novice has been clothed, and has knelt before the Abbess, the Bishop says, standing:

Veni, Sponsa Christi, &c.	Come, Spouse of Christ, &c.
V. Salvam fac ancillam tuam.	*V.* Save Thy servant.
R. Deus meus sperantem in te.	*R.* Who hopeth in Thee, O my God.
V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de sancto.	*V.* Send her help, O Lord, from Thy sanctuary.
R. Et de Sion tuere eam.	*R.* And defend her out of Sion.
V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in ea.	*V.* Let the enemy have no advantage over her.
R. Et filius iniquitatis non appropinquat nocere ei.	*R.* And the son of iniquity not approach to hurt her.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine Jesu Christe, Pastor bone, qui animam tuam pro ovibus tuis posu-	O Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who didst lay down Thy life

isti, fac hanc ancillam tuam sacris vestibus indutam ante conspectum tuum cum justitia vivere, et ad misericordiam tuam cum fructu bonorum operum pervenire concede, tribueque ei in fide obedientiam, in labore virtutem, in affectu devotionem, in actu prosperitatem, in victu sufficientiam, in pace lætitiam, in conversatione gratiam, in tribulatione patientiam, in languoribus sanitatis tuæ medicinam, quatenus in hoc præsenti tempore, semitam justitiæ cum felicitate percurrat, ut te venturum Judicem in novissimo die cum magna hilaritate suscipiat. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

for Thy sheep, grant that this Thy servant, clothed with these sacred garments, may live justly in Thy sight, and with the fruit of good works may attain Thy mercy; give her also obedience in faith, strength in work, devotion in aspiration, success in action, sufficiency in food, joy in peace, grace in conversation, patience in tribulation, and Thy healing grace in her weaknesses, so that in this present life she may pursue without hindrance the path of justice, and at the last day may receive Thee, the future Judge, with great joy. Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest God world without end.

R. Amen.

Here a name is given to her, and afterwards is said the Hymn, Te Deum laudamus, &c., We praise Thee, O God, &c. *Then the kiss of peace is given to her by the Abbess and by all. Afterwards she is placed within the grating, and on a signal from within, the Bishop says:*

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.

V. Confirm, O God, that which Thou hast wrought in us.

R. A templo sancto, quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Francisce.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Ora pro nobis, beata Helisabeth.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.

Concede nos famulos [illegible] quæsumus, Domine

R. From Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Francis.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Elizabeth.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant to us in the same Spirit to relish what is right, and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy

perpetua mentis et
is sanitate gaudere,
riosa beatæ Mariæ
r Virginis interces-
a præsenti liberari
a, et æterna perfrui
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s, qui Ecclesiam tu-
ti Francisci meritis
ovæ prolis amplifi-
ibue nobis ex ejus
one terrena despi-
; cœlestium donorum
r participatione gau-

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rum corda fidelium,
miserator, illustra;
tæ Helisabeth pre-
gloriosis, fac nos
ra mundi despicere,
stium semper con-
ne gaudere. Per
um nostrum Jesum
um, Filium tuum,
um vivit et regnat
la sæculorum.

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ominus vobiscum.

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servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and, by the intercession of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy.

O God, who, through the merits of blessed Francis, dost enlarge Thy Church by the progeny of a new offspring; grant unto us that, by imitating Him, we may despise earthly things, and ever rejoice in the participation of heavenly gifts.

Enlighten the hearts of Thy faithful, O merciful God, and by the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth make us to despise the prosperous things of the world, and ever to rejoice in heavenly consolation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee world without end. *R*. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Deo gratias.	*R.* Thanks be to God.

Then the Bishop blesses those present.

V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V.* Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R. Ex hoc, nunc, in sæcula.	*R.* From this time forth, for evermore.
V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Benedicat vos Omnipotens Deus, Pa + ter, et Fi + lius, et Spi + ritus Sanctus.	*V.* May Almighty God, the Father, + Son, + and Holy Ghost, + bless you.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then a Mistress of Novices is assigned to the newly-clothed, to instruct her, &c.

THE MODE OF RECEIVING TO THE PROFESSION A RELIGIOUS

OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS CALLED OF "ST. ELIZABETH," AND FOR GIVING HER THE VEIL.

The year of the novitiate being completed, and the votes of all those professed, or at least of the majority, being taken for the reception of the Novice to her profession, if the Novice wills to bind herself by a solemn vow to the constitutions and rules of religion, the Abbess shall cause her to remain kneeling in the presence of all the professed before the altar, until the Cardinal or Prelate, having put on the sacred vestments and mitre, and sitting at the Gospel side, shall commence the sermon, or cause another to do so. Then the Novice and all the others sit.

The sermon being finished, the Cardinal *or Prelate, having laid aside his* mitre and cap, and kneeling before the *altar, sings the hymn,* Veni, Creator Spiritus, *and is followed by the choir, or those present. The Novice and all the professed also kneel.*

The hymn being finished, the Novice prostrates herself on the ground; two of the professed Nuns, holding in their hands a black pall over her head (the Cardinal or Prelate in the mean while sitting), say:

Soror nostra, mortua es, et vita tua abscondita est cum Deo. Cum autem Christus apparuerit vita tua, tunc et tu apparebis cum ipso in gloria.[1]	Thou, our Sister, art dead, and thy life is hid with God. But when Christ, thy life, shall appear, then thou also shalt appear with Him in glory.

Then they spread the black pall over the Novice, and cover her; after which, the Cardinal or Prelate, standing, blesses the Novice, saying:

Omni benedictione spirituali benedicat te Omnipotens Deus, Pa + ter, et Fi + lius, et Spiritus + Sanctus.	May Almighty God, the Father, + Son, + and Holy Ghost, + bless thee with every spiritual blessing.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then he sits down.

Afterwards the Nuns alternately, and in a low voice, sing the psalm Miserere; *and in the mean while the bells are rung after the manner for the dead.*

The psalm being finished, the Cardinal or Prelate, having laid aside the mitre, says:

V. Salvum fac ancillam tuam.	*V.* Save Thy servant.
R. Deus meus sperantem in te.	*R.* Who hopeth in Thee, O my God.

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[1] This shall be said in the plural, if there are more than *one novice.*

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Preces tibi, Domine, offerimus supplicando pro hac famula tua N.N. quæ mortua huic mundo tibi vivat, et sicut ei fidei Christianæ meritum contulisti, dones et præmium, et si quæ ei maculæ de terrenis contagiis adhæserunt, remissionis tuæ misericordia deleantur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Deus, innocentiæ restitutor, et amator, dirige ad te cor famulæ tuæ N.N., ut, Spiritus tui fervore concepto, et in fide inveniatur stabilis, et in opere *efficax*. Per Christum

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

We offer Thee our prayers, O Lord, beseeching Thee for this Thy servant N.N., that being dead to this world she may live to Thee, and as Thou hast conferred upon her the merit of Christian faith, so Thou wouldest also grant its reward; whatever stains also of earthly contagion have adhered to her, may they be blotted out by Thy merciful forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, the restorer and lover of innocence, direct the heart of this Thy servant N.N. to Thee; that, through the fervour of Thy Spirit, she may be found firm in faith and strong in

Dominum nostrum.	deed. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then the Cardinal or Prelate, having on his mitre, and standing, says with a loud voice:

Surge, quæ dormis, et illuminabit te Christus. Solve vincula colli tui, captiva filia Sion.	Rise, thou that sleepest, and the Lord shall enlighten thee. Loose the chains from thy neck, thou captive daughter of Sion.

Then he sits down.

The Novice, the black pall being removed, raises herself, and having genuflexed before the Abbess, and having placed her hands within those of the Abbess, says in a clear and audible voice:

I, Sister N., promise to God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Father Francis, to Saint Elizabeth and to all the saints, and to you, Mother Abbess, to live according to the Rule given by Pope Nicholas IV., and conceded to our Order, all the time of my life in obedience; to live a common life, without any property of my own, in chastity, and, strictly according to this same Rule, in enclosure.

Then the Abbess says to her:

And I, on the part of Almighty God, and according to His ordinance, if you observe these things, promise you life everlasting.

R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then the Cardinal or Prelate, having laid aside his mitre, rises and says:

V. *Confirma* hoc, Deus,	*V.* Confirm, O God, that

quod operatus es in nobis.	which Thou hast wrought in us.
R. A templo Sancto, quod est in Jerusalem.	*R.* From Thy holy temple, which is in Jerusalem.
V. Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genitrix.	*V.* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
V. Ora pro nobis, beate Francisce.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Francis.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
V. Ora pro nobis, beata Helisabeth.	*V.* Pray for us, O blessed Elizabeth.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with Thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.	O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant us in the same Spirit to relish what is right, and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

Respice, quæsumus, Domine, ad hanc famulam tuam N., ut sanctæ castitatis, et professionis propositum quod, te inspirante, suscepit, te protegente, illæsum custodiat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	Look down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon this Thy servant N., that she may keep inviolate the vow of holy chastity and of her profession, which, through Thy inspiration, she has taken upon herself. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

The Cardinal or Prelate, having put on his mitre, commences singing the responsory, Regnum mundi, *standing; and afterwards sits down. Whilst the responsory is being chanted, the Cardinal or Prelate blesses the black veil, which is placed upon the altar (unless it has been previously blessed), saying:*

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V.* Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R. Ex hoc, nunc, et usque in sæculum.	*R.* From this time forth for evermore.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with Thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine Deus bonarum *virtutum dator*, et omnium	O Lord God, the giver of all good gifts and the

benedictionum largus infusor, exaudi preces nostras, et hoc velum, quod famula tua, pro conservandæ Regulæ signo, se ad in duendum exposuit, bene + dicere, et sanctifi + care digneris. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Deus æternorum bonorum fidelissime promissor, et certissime persolutor, qui jucunditatis vestimentum tuis fidelibus promisisti: clementiam tuam suppliciter exoramus, ut hoc velum, humilitatem cordis, et contemptum mundi significans, propitius benedicas +, et beatæ castitatis habitum, quem, te inspirante, hæc famula tua suscipit, te protegente, custodiat, et quam vestibus temporalibus venerandæ Religionis induis, beatæ facias immortalitatis luce vestiri. Per Christum Dominum nos*trum.*

bountiful source of every blessing; graciously hear our prayers, and vouchsafe to bless + and sanctify + this veil with which Thy servant, as a sign of observing the Rule, has yielded herself to be covered. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, the faithful promiser of eternal gifts, and the most unfailing giver of them, who hast promised to Thy faithful people the garment of gladness; we humbly beseech Thy clemency, that Thou wouldest mercifully bless this veil, indicating humility of heart and contempt of the world; and grant that this Thy servant, by Thy protection, may preserve the habit of holy chastity, which, by Thy inspiration, she receives, and cause her whom Thou clothest with the temporal garments of holy religion, to be clothed with the light of a bless-

	ed immortality. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R*. Amen.

Then she is sprinkled with holy water and incensed; and afterwards the Abbess takes from her the white veil which she has on, whilst the Bishop says:

Exuat te Dominus veterem hominem eum cum actibus suis.	May the Lord take from thee the old man with his actions.
R. Amen.	*R*. Amen.

And covering her with the black veil, he says:

Induat Dominus novam creaturam quæ secundum Deum creatus est in justitia, et sanctitate veritatis.	May the Lord clothe thee with the new creature, which, after God, has been created in justice, holiness, and truth.
R. Amen.	*R*. Amen.
Sac. Veni, Sponsa Christi, &c.	*Sac*. Come, Spouse of Christ, &c.

She continues kneeling whilst the Bishop says the following prayers:

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V*. The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R*. And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Adesto, Domine, supplicationibus nostris, et huic famulæ N. bene + dicere dignare, cui in tuo sancto nomine velum sanctæ religionis imposuimus,	O Lord, hear our supplications, and vouchsafe to bless + this Thy servant N., upon whom we have placed the veil of holy religion in Thy holy name,

ut, te largiente, et devota in monasterio persistat, et vitam percipere mereatur æternam. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Deus, qui renunciantibus sæculo mansionem paras in cœlo, hujus famulæ tuæ N. habitaculum mentis reple cœlesti desiderio, ut fraterna teneatur compagine charitatis, præcepta Regulæ suæ custodiat, sit sobria, simplex, et quieta, gratis sibi datam gratiam cognoscat, concordet ejus vita cum nomine, professio probetur in opere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Clementissime dominator Domine, tuam invocamus pietatem super hanc famulam tuam N., quam a *sæculi* vanitate conversum in numero sanctorum tu-

that, by Thy mercy, she may continue faithful in her calling, and may deserve to attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who preparest for those who renounce this world a mansion in heaven; fill the mind of this Thy servant N. with heavenly desires, that she may be bound with the brotherly bond of charity, may keep the precepts of her Rule, may be sober, simple, and peaceable, may acknowledge grace to have been freely given to her, and may cause her life to agree with her profession, and her profession to be proved by her work. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O most merciful Lord and ruler, we implore Thy loving mercy upon this Thy servant N., whom Thou hast vouchsafed to call from the vanity of

orum accersiri dignatus es; quæsumus, ut conversionis suæ fidem digne custodiat, et quidquid pro salute animæ suæ fuerit deprecata obtineat, sit vita probabilis, sit sapiens et humilis, sit scientia verax, obedientia clara, conveniens in doctrina, in increpationibus immobilis, in gravitate decora, in passione piissima, in operatione cauta, in dispositione solicita, in tentationibus fortis, in injuriis patiens, in pace fixa, in elemosinis prompta, in orationibus fervens, in misericordia efficax, in subditis pia. Nec sit immemor, quod a te de suis factis sit judicanda. Precamur quoque te, Domine, ut hujus munera placatus suscipias, et quidquid a te petierit clementer impartiri digneris. Qui vivis et regnas, Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

this world into the number of Thy saints; grant, we beseech Thee, that she may worthily keep the pledge of her conversion, and obtain whatever she has invoked for the salvation of her soul; may she be irreproachable in her life, and discreet and humble; may she be true in knowledge, excellent in obedience, apt in doctrine, unruffled under rebukes, becoming in gravity, resigned in suffering, cautious in her deeds, willing in disposition, firm under temptation, patient under injuries, resigned in peace, ready in almsgiving, fervent in prayer, efficacious in mercy, willing in subjection; may she also be mindful that for all her works she must give account to Thee. We beseech Thee also, O Lord, that Thou wouldest graciously accept her offering, and vouchsafe mercifully to grant her petitions. Who livest and reignest God world without end.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, cujus charitatis ardore succursa hæc famula tua stabilitatem tibi in hoc monasterio promittendo, legis tuæ jugo colla submittit; concede propitius, ut in ultimo tui examinis die in dextera tua collocata, cuncta devotionis suæ promissa se adimplevisse lætetur. Qui vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Deus qui beatam Helisabeth electam tuam, abstractam a mundi turbinibus, tibi soli militare jussisti; tribue, quæsumus, huic famulæ tuæ N., sub ejusdem magisterio ad tuum servitium festinanti, perseverandi instantiam, et usque in finem perfectionis victoriam. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat *in* sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O almighty everlasting God, inflamed with the fire of whose love this Thy servant promises to Thee continuance in this monastery, and submits herself to the yoke of Thy law; mercifully grant that, in Thy last judgment-day, she may be placed on Thy right hand, and may rejoice to have fulfilled all her vows. Who livest and reignest God world without end.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst command blessed Elizabeth, Thy elect, separated from the storms of this world, to fight only for Thee; grant, we beseech Thee, to this Thy servant N., hastening under the same guidance to Thy service, earnestness in perseverance, and in the end the victory of perfection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
V. Benedicamus Domino.	*V.* Let us bless the Lord.
R. Deo gratias.	*R.* Thanks be to God.

Here the Cardinal or Prelate, putting on the mitre, says:

Benedicat + te Deus Pater qui te sibi in Filiam elegit.	May God the Father, who hath chosen thee to Himself for a daughter, bless + thee.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Benedicat + te Deus Filius, qui te sibi in Sponsam comparavit.	May God the Son, who hath redeemed thee to be His Spouse, bless + thee.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.
Benedicat + te Spiritus Sanctus qui te igne sui amoris accensam in thalamum suum introduxit.	May God the Holy Ghost, who hath conducted thee, inflamed with His love, into His tabernacle, bless + thee.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then the Cardinal or Prelate, descending to the floor of the sanctuary, intones the hymn, Te Deum laudamus, *&c.*

While the hymn is being chanted, the Abbess and all the other professed Nuns receive the newly professed to the kiss of peace.

The hymn being finished, the Cardinal or Prelate says:

V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium cum Sancto Spiritu.	*V.* Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost.
R. Laudemus et super-	*R.* Let us praise and

exaltemus eum in sæcula.	exalt Him above all for ever.
V. Benedictus es, Domine, in firmamento cœli.	*V.* Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus, et superexaltatus in sæcula.	*R.* Worthy to be praised, and glorious and exalted above all for ever.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Deus, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus: piissimæ majestati tuæ pro collatis donis gratias agimus tuam semper clementiam exorantes; ut qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non deserens, ad præmia futura disponas. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	O God, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite; we render thanks to Thy most gracious majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy clemency, that as Thou grantest the petitions of them that ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then the Cardinal or Bishop blesses those present :

V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V.* Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R. Ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.	*R.* From this time forth, for evermore.
V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Benedicat vos Omnipotens Deus Pa+ter, et Fi+lius, et Spiritus+ Sanctus.	*V.* May Almighty God, the Father,+Son,+and Holy Ghost,+bless you.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

Then the newly professed is reckoned amongst the number of the professed, and is admitted to the Chapter.

THE ELECTION OR CONFIRMATION OF THE MOTHER ABBESS.

All the Nuns being assembled together in Chapter, the Mother Abbess kneeling before the Superior shall confess her faults, resigning her office and placing in the hands of the Superior the seals, keys, and other things pertaining to the office ; after receiving which he shall say a few words to her, giving her some salutary penance, &c. Afterwards the Confiteor *is said by all, and the Superior gives Absolution as follows :*

Misereatur vestri Omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducat vos ad vitam æternam.	May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.
R. Amen.	R. Amen.

Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum vestrorum tribuat vobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.

Dominus noster Jesus Christus vos absolvat; et ego auctoritate ipsius, ac beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, ac Sanctæ Sedis Apostolicæ, mihi in hac parte commissa, et vobis concessa, absolvo vos ab omni vinculo excommunicationis, si quam incurristis, et restituo vos unioni ac participationi fidelium, nec non sanctis Sacramentis Ecclesiæ, dispensando vobis cum omni sententia irregularitatis, et interdicti, si qua innodatæ estis, et ad effectum electionis (seu confirmationis) canonice, et rite nunc per vos celebrandæ, quatenus opus sit, et indigetis vos, habilite in nomine Patris et Spiritus Sancti.

R. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution, and remission of your sins.

R. Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you; and I, by His authority, and that of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of the holy Apostolic See, with which I am in this part commissioned, and which is granted to you, absolve you from every bond of excommunication, which you have incurred, and restore you to the union and participation of the faithful, and to the holy Sacraments of the Church, dispensing you from every sentence of irregularity and interdict, if you shall be bound by any; and I confirm the election (or confirmation) now canonically and duly solemnised by you, as far as there is necessity, and you desire it, in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Afterwards the Superior intones the Veni Creator, *which is continued by the Nuns; and, when this is finished, he stands up and says the following Versicles:*

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	*R.* Who made heaven and earth.
V. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.	*V.* Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R. Ex hoc, nunc, et usque in sæculum.	*R.* From this time forth for evermore.
V. Deus virtutum nos convertere.	*V.* Convert us, O God of hosts.
R. Respice de cœlo, et visita vineam istam.	*R.* Look down from heaven, and visit this vine.
V. Memento congregationis tuæ.	*V.* Remember Thy congregation.
R. Quam possedisti ab initio.	*R.* Which Thou hast governed from the first.
V. Ne memineris iniquitatum antiquarum nostrarum.	*V.* Remember not our former iniquities.
R. Sed cito anticipent nos misericordiæ tuæ.	*R.* But let Thy mercies quickly prevent us.
V. Elige David servum tuum.	*V.* Choose Thy servant David.
R. Pascere Jacob, et Israel hæreditatem tuam.	*R.* To feed Jacob, and Israel Thine inheritance.
V. Emitte spiritum tuum et creabuntur.	*V.* Send forth Thy spirit, and they shall be created.
R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.	*R.* And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	*V.* O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	*R.* And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
Oremus.	Let us pray.
Domine, quæ corda nosti omnium, cui omnis voluntas loquitur, et quem nullum latet secretum, ostende nobis, quam eligeris accipere locum ministerii hujus, in quo pio in nos studio semper tibi placitus, familiam tuam virtutibus instruat, fidelium mentes spiritualium aromatum odore perfundat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.	O God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; show to us whom Thou hast chosen to fill the place of this ministry, in which, being ever pleasing to Thee by a pious zeal for us, she may instruct Thy family in all virtues, and fill the minds of the faithful with the odour of spiritual perfumes. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.	*R.* Amen.

This office being finished, the Nuns stand aside, and then come one by one, according to seniority in religion, to give their votes. If the Mother Abbess who is in office shall have one vote above the half, it shall be understood that she is confirmed in that office, and then the Secretary or Disquisitor who shall have collected the votes shall read aloud to all the Nuns the confirmation of her election in the following manner:

Hæc electio (*seu* confirmatio) Reverendæ Matris Abbatissæ hujus venerabilis monasterii S.	This election (*or* confirmation) of the reverend Mother Abbess of this venerable convent S. N. N.,

N. N. per matres vocales legitime congregatas, canonice, ac rite celebrata die mensis anni , assistente Illmo. ac Rmo. —— Sanctissimi Dni. nostri Papæ Vicegerente, præsidente simul in ea, ac vota recipiente.

by the nuns who have a voice in lawful assembly, was canonically and duly celebrated on the day of the month , in the year , the most illustrious and most reverend ——, Vicegerent of our most Holy Father, assisting, and presiding also at the same and taking the votes.

In which election or confirmation, Rev. M. N. N. had votes, and Rev. Adm. M. had votes.

Et cum in hac major pars monialium eligentium consenserint, ego N. N. virtute compromissi limitati in me, et in socium meum, nomine omnium monalium, quæ in dictam electionem, seu confirmationem consenserunt, nomino et eligo in abbatissam hujus monasterii R. M. N. N., et sic electam denuncio. In nomine Patris et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

And since the greater part of the nuns electing have agreed, I, N. N., by virtue of the power confided in me, and in the name of all the nuns, who have concurred in the said election, or confirmation, name and select as abbess of this convent R. M. N. N., and I thus declare her elected. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Afterwards the Te Deum laudamus *is intoned.*

V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium cum Sancto *Spiritu.*

V. Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost.

R. Laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.

R. A templo sancto tuo quod est in Hierusalem.

V. Dignare me, laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, miserere famulæ tuæ Abbatissæ nostræ, et dirige eam secundum tuam clementiam in viam salutis æternæ, ut, te donante, tibi placita cupiat, et tota virtute perficiat.

Concede nos famulos *tuos* perpetua mentis, et

R. Let us praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

V. Confirm, O God, that which Thou hast wrought in us.

R. From Thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Almighty everlasting God, have compassion upon Thy servant, our Abbess, and according to Thy mercy guide her in the way of eternal salvation, so that, by Thy bounty, she may desire what is pleasing to Thee, and perform it with all her strength.

Grant that we, Thy servants, may enjoy per-

corporis sanitate gaudere et gloriosæ B. Mariæ semper Virginis intercessione a præsenti liberari tristitia et æterna perfrui lætitia.

Tuorum corda fidelium, Deus miserator, illustra, et beatæ Helisabeth precibus gloriosis fac nos prospera mundi despicere, et cœlesti semper consolatione gaudere. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

petual health of mind and body; and by the intercession of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy.

Enlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of Thy faithful, and through the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth make us to despise the good things of this world, and ever to delight in the consolation of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Superior having called before him the Abbess already elected and confirmed, and addressing her with words of exhortation to good government, commits to her charge the seals and keys, and then blesses her.

CEREMONY TO BE OBSERVED BOTH IN THE CLOTHING AND THE PROFESSION.

Before the altar of the Blessed Sacrament there should be placed a prie-dieu, with its carpet and a cushion, for the Cardinal or Bishop, who shall perform the function.

At the high altar there shall be placed on the Gospel side a fald-stool for a Cardinal or Bishop; but, if only a Prelate or Priest shall perform the function, there shall be only an ordinary seat in the same place.

At the foot of the altar-steps, on the Epistle side, there shall be also a seat for the one who is to preach.

On the floor of the church, and in the middle before the steps of the high altar, there shall be placed two seats for the Sponsor and the Spouse Nun. The Cardinal or Bishop having arrived for the function, he shall be received at the door of the church by the highest dignitary present, who, presenting him with the Aspersorio, shall accompany him to the altar of the Blessed Sacrament;[1] as also shall be received the Sponsor and the Spouse Nun by other persons, and conducted to the altar of the Blessed Sacrament, where there shall be two cushions on the floor, care being taken that the one for the Spouse Nun be placed on the right hand.

The Cardinal or Bishop, having finished his prayer, shall go to the high altar, where he shall find a cushion on the lowest step, if he wishes to kneel.

The Sponsor and Spouse Nun shall follow him, and proceed to the place appointed for them, where they shall find two cushions, similarly placed to those at the altar of the Blessed Sacrament.[2]

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[1] It will be well that the Sponsor and the Spouse Nun be waiting in some near part of the monastery, where they can be at once apprised of the arrival of the Cardinal or Bishop, in order that they may enter the church immediately after him.

[2] The Spouse Nun shall kneel till the Cardinal or Bishop is vested.

The Cardinal or Bishop being vested, he shall ascend to the middle of the altar, and having kissed it, he shall take his seat on the fald-stool.

The Preacher,[3] having first made a short prayer on the lowest step of the altar, rising, shall proceed to kneel before the Cardinal or Bishop, and ask his blessing; and having kissed his hand, shall go to the appointed place on the Epistle side, and commence his discourse.[4]

The sermon being ended, the Spouse Nun shall proceed to the lowest step of the altar, and, kneeling upon the cushion before the Cardinal or Bishop, she shall say the *Confiteor;* and, this being finished, the Cardinal or Bishop shall give the absolution. She shall then receive from the same a crucifix, and afterwards move a little on one side, so as not to prevent the Cardinal or Bishop from kneeling.

The Cardinal or Bishop shall then intone the *Veni Creator Spiritus*, which being finished, he shall leave the altar; and the Spouse Nun shall receive from his right hand the end of the stole, and shall proceed with him to the cloister of the convent, and, there kneeling upon the floor, she shall wait until they shall have finished the *Veni Sponsa Christi*,[5] when, rising, she shall make her reverence to the Cardinal or Bishop, and proceed to the altar-grating, to conclude the ceremony of clothing.[6]

In the mean time, the Cardinal or Bishop, returning to the church with the clergy, and passing before the altar of the Blessed Sacrament, shall genuflect; and then, proceeding to the high altar, he shall continue the function as prescribed in the book; and, the white veil and wreath being placed upon her, he shall intone the *Veni Sponsa Christi.*[7]

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[3] The Preacher shall be already vested.

[4] But if it shall be a Prelate, having made a short prayer, and having bowed to the altar and to the Cardinal or Bishop, he shall then go to the appointed place and begin his discourse.

[5] Sung by ——.

[6] It is the custom, in order not to delay the clothing, that the *blessing of* the garments be given privately.

The prescribed prayer being finished, he shall intone the *Te Deum laudamus,*[8] which he shall say *sotto voce* with the clergy; and, having said the prayers which follow, he shall give the episcopal benediction, saying,[9] "Sit nomen Domini benedictum," &c. And here the function terminates.

The Cardinal or Bishop being invested, he shall again proceed to the altar of the Blessed Sacrament, where shall be extended the carpet, and upon it the cushion; and, having prayed, he shall be accompanied to the door of the convent. Then, being thanked by the Mother Abbess, the clergy, with his permission, are dismissed.

CEREMONY OF PROFESSION.

All shall be placed as in the order for the clothing, and, the sermon being preached,[10] the function shall commence, and, the veil and crown being placed,[11] the Cardinal or Bishop shall say the Antiphon, "Regnum mundi;"[12] and, the assigned prayers being said, he shall intone the *Te Deum laudamus,*[13] and shall finish the function in the same manner as at the clothing.

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[7] The choir continuing to sing it.

[8] The choir also singing it.

[9] The book being placed before the Tabernacle.

[10] The ceremony, as in the clothing, being already performed.

[11] Already blessed as above.

[12] The choir shall sing it.

[13] The choir shall sing it.

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